

HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL
GENERAL REPORT OF THE
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

1981



Published by
THE SECRETARY,
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR,
MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

1982

HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL
GENERAL REPORT OF THE
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

1981



THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR,
MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

Printed at the Vasanta Press, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020 India

CONTENTS

	Page
I. Annual Convention :	
The Presidential Address	1
The Treasurer's Report (See Annexe for Annual Accounts for 1980-81)	17
II. Reports of the General Secretaries	21
The Theosophical Society in the United States of America	23
" " England	24
" " India	25
" " Australia	29
" " Sweden	31
" " New Zealand	32
" " Netherlands	33
" " France	34
" " Italy	35
" " Germany	36
" " Cuba	36
" " Finland	37
" " Southern Africa	38
" " Scotland	38
" " Switzerland	No Report
" " Belgium	39
" " Indonesia	40
" " Burma	40
" " Austria	41
" " Norway	41
" " Denmark	42
" " Ireland	No Report
" " Mexico	No Report
" " Canada	43
" " Argentina	44
" " Chile	45
" " Brazil	46
" " Iceland	46
" " Spain	47
" " Portugal	48
" " Wales	48
" " Uruguay	49
" " Puerto Rico	No Report
" " Yugoslavia	50
" " Sri Lanka	51

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

	Page
The Theosophical Society in Greece	52
" " Central America	52
" " Philippines	53
" " East and Central Africa	54
" " Pakistan	55
" " Malaysia	No Report
" " Northern Ireland	55
" " Viet Nam	56
" " Venezuela	56
" " West Africa	No Report
" " Bolivia	57
" " Canadian Federation	No Report
" " European Federation	58
" " Inter-American Federation	No Report
" " Lodges Attached Direct to Adyar :	
" " Peru	59
" " Israel	59
" " Singapore	59
" " Japan	60
" " Egypt	No Report
" " Cameroon	No Report
" " Bangladesh	61
" " Hong Kong	No Report
" " World Theosophical Youth Federation	61
III. Headquarters, 1980-81	63
The Theosophical Publishing House	64
The Adyar Library and Research Centre	65
The Theosophical Islamic Association	66
Theosophy-Science Department	67
International Centre of Theosophical Studies	68
Archives	69
IV. Memorandum of Association	71
Rules and Regulations	74
Directory for 1982	89
Extracts from Council Minutes	92
Summary of Statistical Details, 1981	99
V. Annexe—Annual Accounts for 1980-81	101

Presidential Address

Presidential Address

to the 106th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society,
Varanasi, 26 December 1981

May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless with Their help and guidance the Society founded to be a channel for Their work. May They inspire it with Their Wisdom, strengthen it with Their power and energize it with Their activity.

It is with much happiness that I welcome to this Convention the delegates who have come from various parts of India and from other countries of the world. Every international Convention represents in miniature the great brotherhood of the peoples of the world which it is the aim of the Theosophical Society to achieve, and which alone can be the basis for uplifting the consciousness of mankind to the fullness of its creative power.

In a world which is torn by strife and the struggle of various peoples to maintain their own identity and advantages, there is an acceleration of the destructive urges in man. Violence is noticeably on the increase in almost every part of the globe. The sense of insecurity and fear which goes hand in hand with violence cannot nurture the creativity of the human mind which requires freedom from agitation and strife for its expression. 'It is upon the serene and placid surface of the unruffled mind that the visions gathered from the invisible find a representation in the visible world,' taught a Great One.

How can the mind of man taste the undisturbed calm which comes to the sage on the discovery of non-temporal values pertaining to the region of truth? It must learn to glimpse the universal order which reigns through the manifestations of Nature, as superior scientific minds have done. It must hear the song of harmony which embraces all individual existences into a whole, as devotees and artists have done in their moments of vision. It must touch and know the formless, nameless being which underlies and yet transcends all particular things of name and form, as the consciousness of the mystic does during sublime moments. The glorious flowering of the human spirit, in sage, scientist, artist, devotee and mystic, needs for its soil the nourishment of peace and brotherly affection. It can burst into efflorescence only when competitiveness, born of a sense of separateness, is eradicated and brotherly affection prevails. The preparation of the ground for the blooming of the human spirit is the work to which the Theosophical Society is dedicated.

More than a hundred years ago, when the Theosophical Society was founded, it was thought fit to acquaint the western world through the Society of certain aspects of the Ancient Wisdom which the West ignored or had rejected. In the course of important instructions given in 1881, it was asked: how are we to deal with the curse known as the 'struggle for life', which is the real and most prolific parent of most woes and sorrows and of all crimes?

'Why has that struggle become the almost universal scheme of the universe? We answer, because no religion, with the exception of Buddhism, has hitherto taught a practical contempt for this earthly life, while each of them, always with that one solitary exception, has through its hells and damnations inculcated the greatest dread of death. Therefore do we find that struggle for life raging most fiercely in Christian countries, most prevalent in Europe and America. It weakens in the Pagan lands, and is nearly unknown among Buddhist populations. ... Teach the people to see that life on this earth even the happiest is but a burden and an illusion, that it is but our *karma*, the cause producing the effect, that is our own judge, our saviour in future lives, and the great struggle for life will soon lose its intensity.'

At the time when these words were written, the doctrine of *karma* and its concomitant, the theory of reincarnation, were practically unknown in the West. The background of religious thought acted as a deterrent to the attitude of self-responsibility which is naturally generated by a correct understanding of

the law of *karma*. Later, with the advancement of science, many of the religious notions of the previous era faded away to a large extent. Today, *karma* is a word understood in common speech. Reincarnation is no more regarded as the bizarre fantasy of pagan religions. The after-death state and experience are being explored by doctors and psychologists. Ecological and other studies are drawing attention to the interconnectedness and interdependence of life in its many forms. Numerous cults and gurus are peddling the jargon of spirituality and promising contacts with superhuman beings and superior planes. Confused ideas are floating around concerning the world of the occult.

The situation calls for a clear appraisal of what the Theosophical Society has to offer. People's attention cannot be arrested and held merely by talking of subjects like the after-death state and *karma*, which were new to the Western world a century ago. In the present day, as these subjects have become only too popular, Theosophists must bring new meaning to their consideration. We must not rest content with the conveying of information on these topics and propounding an 'eye-doctrine' which does not go beyond verbal and theoretical acquaintance. Lodges of the Society should be centres of deeper knowledge, places where students must be concerned with 'soul-wisdom'. This means that essential lessons must be distilled out of every branch of Theosophical knowledge, and their practical relevance in converting the dross of life into the bright gold of virtue and wisdom must be understood. Theosophy must be made practical in the profound

sense of bringing about a visible transformation in the lives of its members and then the Society's role will be clear and its work will have a world import.

I am not suggesting that everything which is propounded in various so-called occult groups has equal validity. Theosophical knowledge can and should bring a certain sane and rationally valid point of view and perspective on all these topics, and be able, at least partially, to rescue people from the superstitions and sensationalism which are so often put on the market along with parodies of occult teachings. But the very existence of innumerable gurus and groups, with their own versions of information gathered from Theosophical literature is a challenge. Can the Theosophical Society maintain an even keel and navigate its path guided by the pole-star of Truth through the deluge of temptations available in the present day?

The work of the Society is characterized by a spirit of universality, based on knowledge of the One Life which appears in many myriad forms. Distinctions which normally condition the mind into prejudices belong to the domain of appearances and forms and have no importance for those who understand that the unfolding of intelligence is much more important for the human being than the form which is inhabited by the dweller in the form. A true Theosophist is totally free of parochial, racial, nationalistic and other affiliations. His attitude is naturally one of universal sympathy and that equality in relationship, irrespective of outer characteristics, which the *Bhagavad Gītā* equates with Yoga, in the well-known statement: *samatvam yoga ucyate*.

However, a spirit of universality does not imply that Lodges and Branches of the Theosophical Society can lend themselves indiscriminately to promoting any and every theory, cult, doctrine or so-called teacher. Every branch of the Society at every level—Sections, Federations, Lodges—is representative of the Society as a whole in its own area. Its duty lies in upholding all the principles which together give the Theosophical Society its special tone and role. Emphasis on one principle alone, ignoring everything else, can only lead to failure in carrying out the work in the right way.

Those Lodges whose sole activity is to offer a platform to other organizations, religions, and schools to propound their own views are hardly carrying out the purpose for which they have been chartered. Universality of approach becomes an excuse for abandoning the search for truth. In my last Presidential Address, I drew attention to H.P. Blavatsky's statement that the very fact of a person joining the Society should be proof that he is in search of the final truth as to the ultimate essence of things. A Lodge or Branch is then meant to consist of a band of earnest seekers for the truth. Such seekers cannot be mere passive receivers of all varieties of views on religious or spiritual matters, nor can they subscribe to the notion that all are equally good. The Theosophical Society does not exist in order to proclaim that all religious doctrines are equally valid. It calls upon its members to examine critically every theory and teaching and develop discernment capable of separating the true from the false. Theosophical Lodges must act as crucibles where the merit of ideas is

tested against the background of the perennially valid laws and principles of which Theosophy speaks.

This example suffices to show that a balance has to be found between the several fundamental features which are vital to the work of the Society. The attitude of universality and of open-minded friendliness should at no time be abandoned. Neither should Truth ever cease to be the prime objective. When there is an interpretation of universality of attitude which is destructive of enquiry into truth, there is surely something wrong.

In this context, it will not be out of place to revert to the question of self-reliance and responsibility. Even an elementary understanding of Theosophical principles should make a student realize that his progress in knowledge and wisdom depends entirely on himself. For no man can there be a revelation of more than his eyes can see. Even the most beautiful sunset is blackness to blind eyes; the mysterious profundities of existence remain non-existent to those who do not care to awaken their perceptive powers. As a Mahatma explained, 'The Occult Science is not one in which secrets can be communicated of a sudden, by a written or even verbal communication.' If so, all that Wise Ones would have to do would be 'to publish a Handbook of the art which might be taught in schools as grammar is.' The truth is that no one can become enlightened, or reach the bliss of Nirvana until he deserves it. Everyone must attain the condition necessary 'for that degree of illumination to which, and for which, he is entitled and fitted.'

The road winds 'uphill all the way'.

The real seeker for Truth does not shirk the labour and the attention which he must give to the quality of life and action, for he knows that that labour will free him from the impurities of a selfish mind and thereby qualify him to be a recipient of spiritual reward. Each man has to earn the right to higher knowledge and greater happiness by the unstinted sacrifice of his energies in the direction of selflessness. The aspirant to spiritual light needs to be prepared to pay any price to obtain that which is beyond all price. As declared of old in the *Vivekachudāmani* (The Crest-Jewel of Discrimination), a sick man recovers health only if he himself takes medicine and follows the right diet, and not if he relegates the task to someone else. The beauty of the moon has to be known with one's own eyes. Can other eyes make one know it?

Knowing that such is the Law, Theosophists cannot subscribe to, or welcome the propagation of any cult which undermines self-effort, self-reliance and complete responsibility. A primary cause for the degeneration of religions is that religious establishments and priests have found it convenient to promote dependence on themselves and blind obedience to dogmas and doctrines which increase their own authority and power. Religious leaders have encouraged people to cast responsibility on God, priest, ritual-actions and recitations. If the religions of the world had insisted upon each person's responsibility for his own actions and encouraged self-reliance by laying stress on purity and unselfishness of life, the world would be a different place today. Theosophical teachers have, on the other hand, negated

personal worship and refused to act as proxies on the spiritual path. They have tried to free the mind from servility and dependence on authority and belief.

The Theosophical Society has affirmed through a special resolution that no member is obligated to accept any authority within the Society, not excepting H.P. Blavatsky. As Annie Besant pointed out, the bond of union between members is not the profession of a common belief, but a common search and aspiration for Truth. Members of the Society hold that Truth should be sought by 'study, by reflection, by purity of life, by devotion to high ideals. Truth is a prize to be striven for and not a dogma to be imposed by authority.'

All this implies that the atmosphere of each Lodge and the programme it conducts should be such as to enhance the sense of self-responsibility and an earnest endeavour towards a pure life and intelligent enquiry. The accommodation within the programme of Theosophical Lodges of teachings which foster dependence, personal worship, exclusive beliefs, is contrary to the spirit of the Society's work. The question is sometimes asked, 'What is Theosophical?' One of the criteria is without doubt the ability to be self-reliant and responsible. There could be no stronger words against any attempt to inculcate blind obedience and dependence than are to be found in the letters of the Adepts who inspired the Theosophical Society. The importation into the Society's work of the kind of orthodoxy or conventional attitudes which they castigated would divert the Society along lines which it was never meant to take.

The reference to the Theosophical Society becoming the cornerstone of the future religions of the world does not imply that the religion it stands for should be one more of the many existing religions. It has to be religion divested of the evils which are apparent elsewhere. It has to be religion inspiring universal brotherhood and not exclusiveness and animosity. It has to encourage free and fearless search for the Truth, and not a set of dogmas and beliefs based on authority of scripture or priest. It has to be religion which teaches that the Light Eternal is within each breast and therefore there is no need for dependence. It must be religion based on purity and self-effacement and not on vanity and arrogance. Unless the Theosophical Society equates religion with Truth, it would not be true to itself and its mission.

Several stalwart workers have departed from the physical plane during the year. Prominent among them was Mr Boris de Zirkoff, great-nephew of H.P. Blavatsky. He has left behind an indestructible memorial in the form of the Collected Writings into which he put a lifetime of meticulous scholarship, devotion and indefatigable labour. Words seem inadequate to express the gratitude which is owed to him for these many precious volumes which would not have seen the light of day but for him.

Another veteran who passed to a well-earned rest was Mrs Berthe Nyssens. She was a strong pillar of the Society in Belgium and was General Secretary of the Belgian Section several times. The work in Europe suffered a loss also in the passing on of Mr Georges Tripet, who came to

the Society as a young Theosophist. He had been General Secretary of the Swiss Section during several periods. His contribution to the work, not only in Switzerland but to Europe and the Society in general, cannot be forgotten.

In Adyar, a great deal depended on Mr K.N. Ramanathan, who carried on the work of the Theosophical Publishing House with unobtrusive efficiency for many years. He was a member of the General Council and of the Executive Committee and brought to everything he did the capacities which he had developed during his years of work in the Press Trust of India, both as a journalist and as its General Manager. His contacts with the Press made him a valuable press and public relations officer. We also saw the passing of Mr Russel Balfour Clarke at the age of 96. He was one of the few living members with memories of Colonel Olcott and contact with other leaders who followed, most particularly with Mr C.W. Leadbeater. Dr B.R. Mullik who was associated with the Centre of Studies in Adyar was on a lecture tour of East Africa when he was taken ill. He was unable to recover from the malady which afflicted him and passed on in Bombay after his return. To these and others who departed during the year, we offer our thoughts of affection and gratitude.

The work at the International Headquarters was somewhat slowed down by a special situation, namely a strike in which 105 employees of the Society took part. The strike was not unforeseen. A Labour Union had been formed in July 1979 when Mr John Coats was President. Prior to that there had been a series of demands by a few of the workers who claimed to

speak on behalf of others. The officers of the Society had to deal with go-slow tactics and other devices adopted to claim overtime payments and other advantages. Due to the fact that many of the employees are incapable of understanding issues, it was possible for a small number of aggressive leaders to exploit them and to create incidents in order to appear and act as their representatives. The situation came to a climax when a Union meeting was held in the Hall and obstructed the Adyar Day meeting. The Society was then compelled to take action against the ringleaders by dismissing them from service.

I am glad to report that 109 workers and employees continued to work faithfully in spite of intimidation and aggression. All the offices, the Library, Centre of Studies and other Departments continued to function without interruption. More than forty of the striking employees have come back to work up to now and the work is going on smoothly. In 1931, when there were problems with labour, the then President, Dr Annie Besant, said that in the Theosophical Society there is no division between the interests of the management and those of labour. It is in this spirit that the officers of the Society have tried to function, both while Mr John Coats was President and since I took charge. It is not, however, possible to yield to unreasonable demands or to allow labour leaders to dictate what should be done with regard to the Society's affairs. The strike was an inevitable test which had to be gone through. Our patience and firmness have yielded good results.

For many decades, Adyar has received

thousands of visitors every month. They come to see the great Banyan Tree and the grounds, the Hall with its symbols, the Boo'shop and Library. For a temporary period such visits had to be suspended in order to prevent undesirable or harmful activity within the campus on the part of Labour Union agitators who might have gained entry under the guise of visitors. We hope that it will not be long before we can admit those who are interested to benefit from the atmosphere of the estate and the beauty of its grounds. In view of the shortage of staff caused by the strike, it also became necessary temporarily to curtail permission to members and sympathisers who wished to have accommodation in the estate.

After careful consideration in January 1981, it was decided to equip the Vasanta Press with a photo-typesetting machine, whose cost will be made up by the sale of redundant printing machines. The new equipment will enable the Press to improve the quality of its work, while maintaining a small staff. In March 1981, 29 employees of the Press were retrenched, leaving a staff of 9. All the retrenched employees have been paid compensation and other benefits. The modernization of the Press is an important step which will enable our books to compare favourably with other publications.

Last year the General Council decided that there should be only one boarding establishment at Headquarters, so that people of all countries can eat together. Steps are being taken to create an establishment which can cater in a reasonably satisfactory manner to both Western and Eastern tastes.

During the past year, the Theosophical

Publishing House released no new titles, but 35 books were reprinted. The books of the T.P.H. were displayed in several book-fairs. In the passing away of Mr K.N. Ramanathan, the publication work suffered a great loss. It was also affected by the reorganization of the Press. Mr C.R.N. Swamy has taken the place of Mr K.N. Ramanathan as editor of publications since 9 March 1981.

The Centre of Studies at Adyar had a steady and varied programme under the Directorship of Mrs Seetha Neelakantan. *The Secret Doctrine* was studied twice a week. A number of special guests gave courses, including former Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, Dr H. Skolimowsky of Michigan University, Dr Robert Stone of East-West University, Honolulu, Dr A.G. Krishna Warriar of the Adyar Library and Mr Achyut Patwardhan of the Krishnamurti Foundation. Professors K.P. Rajappan, P. Achuthan and T.S. Sankara of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, addressed the students on the impact of science, religion and philosophy.

An important event of the year was the recognition of the Adyar Library and Research Centre by the University of Madras as a centre for post-graduate work in Sanskrit and Indology. The Library's collection was enriched by addition of more than 150 palm-leaf manuscripts donated by Mr Sankaran Namboodiri of Kerala through Professor A.N. Aklujkar. There were also some other donations of manuscripts. Grants-in-aid from the Government of India's Education Ministry enabled the purchase of a considerable amount of equipment and books and also the publication of the

Āśvalāyana-grihyasūtra-bhāṣya of Devasvāmin. Grants-in-aid have been sanctioned in principle for several other publications. The Library continues to attract scholars, students and visitors from many parts of the world.

In the Archives, work is going on to laminate the volumes of *Old Diary Leaves* and also Annie Besant's political papers. Regular classification, cataloguing and fumigation is being done. Mr Paul Zwollo of Holland was in charge of the Archives for some time during the year, but had unfortunately to return to his country owing to the illness of his father. The Officer-in-Charge of the Archives is now Miss R. Padmini who came to Adyar to work in a voluntary capacity after her retirement from the University of Jodhpur.

It was decided earlier this year that not much purpose was served in having two Bookshops, one in the T.P.H. building and another near the main gate of the Society, which was the case ever since a new Bookshop was established near the gate in 1975. Since February, only one bookshop—the one at the gate—is operating with Mr C. Seshadri as Manager. He also performs the duties of Information Officer.

Other changes in the staff at Adyar include the appointment of Mr K. Ramanathan, former Manager of the Vasanta Press, as the Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House. Mr Amarnatha Rao took charge of the garden in April, replacing Mr K.N. Sundaram who resigned. Mr M.K. Nataraajan has been in charge of the Movable Properties Department. Recently, Mrs Tara Parameswaran has been appointed

as Superintendent of the Bhojanasala.

Around the world the work goes on steadily. In several places members and leading workers have discussed various points brought up before the General Council at its last session. The Council discussions on problems which exist within the society and the importance of maintaining the right direction were reported in a Memorandum and sent not only to Council members but to a number of other persons all over the world. Based on the material in this Memorandum, further questioning and thought took place at different levels in several Sections, although not as much as one would have liked. The European Council met in High Leigh, England, where the summer school was held. There was an opportunity for a number of General Council members who were present there to continue the discussion. It is to be hoped that further enquiry into the basic nature of the Society's role will create a sharper awareness and renewed enthusiasm.

Miss Joy Mills was the guest speaker at the English Section's Convention and the summer school at High Leigh. She conducted seminars and gave lectures in five out of the seven Federations in England and travelled through Europe, lecturing in several summer schools including one in Norway, where the work had been languishing. As a result of the summer school held in Trondheim, it is reported that there is now a new interest in Theosophy in that country.

Miss Ianthe Hoskins also visited and spoke at a number of places in Europe, as far removed from each other as Sweden, Portugal, and Spain. Mrs Seetha Neelakantan was invited to make a

lecture tour in Australia where she visited all the major centres of work. Mr and Mrs Rohit Mehta lectured in Iceland, which receives very few visitors because of its remoteness. They also spoke in Holland and other places.

At the invitation of the American Section, I spent about three months in that country, speaking at the Convention and summer school held at Lake Geneva and also addressing members in three of the summer camps which are part of the regular activities of the Section. In August, I visited Canada and became acquainted with the members and work both in the Canadian Section and the Federation, while lecturing and talking to members in all the principal cities. The Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, presided over several conferences in India. His presence at Adyar during my absence from headquarters was of very great value in the circumstances which prevailed.

The report from Mrs Dora Kunz, National President of the Theosophical Society in the United States, refers to the continuing interest created, particularly among non-members, by the special issues of *The American Theosophist* for which more and more subscriptions are being received. Special advertising grants from the Kern Foundation have aided circulation. Video-cassettes are being prepared for the use of members. Each video programme will be supported by printed material, giving guidelines for study, a bibliography, and other material. Three new films have been added to the Quest film series. A new edition of a Theosophical guide for parents has been brought out by the Education

Department. The sale of publications, including those of Adyar and London, showed an increase of 20% over the previous year. Special seminars were held at Headquarters and were conducted by notable persons. Recording of these seminars and lectures are available on cassettes.

Mr Ted Davy, General Secretary of the Canadian Section, reports that the Canadian Postal Department issued commemorative stamps honouring pioneer fighters for women's rights. These included Dr Emily Stowe, who was the first woman doctor to practise Medicine in Canada, and her daughter, Dr Augusta Stowe-Gullen. Both were members of the Society in Toronto. The works of H.P.B. were presented as gifts to Canadian University Libraries.

The General Secretary for India, Mr A. Suryanarayan Moorti, mentions the need for making Theosophical work a means for human regeneration. The Section's magazine as well as magazines brought out in regional languages within the Section need to promote an awareness of this aim. The number of English-speaking people in the country is decreasing and therefore journals and publications in regional languages are essential. A Bengali translation of *The Key to Theosophy* is being printed. Study camps were held as usual in a number of places. The Section once again shows an increase in numerical strength. The membership as on 1st October rose to 10,063. Mr Moorti points out that Indian culture has exemplified the spirit of unity in diversity and has called upon members to work for the integration and harmony which are so much needed in the country.

The New Life for India movement is an activity that members in India should promote, as urgent work which needs to be done to restore moral values and elevate standards of conduct. The General Secretary rightly observes that the study of Theosophy should not remain speculative but should act as a living force to alter the quality of life.

Miss Marion Caws writes that throughout the English Section, of which she is General Secretary, attendance at meetings has increased. The number of subscribers to the Library at the London Headquarters went up by 379. An increase in the number of enquiries, some of which come from far-away places like Ghana, Malawi and Saudi Arabia, is an encouraging sign. The Society was represented at three major festivals in London and three in the provinces. Youth camps have been revived in the Tekels Park estate near Camberley.

In spite of extremely difficult conditions in Northern Ireland, it is reported that most meetings were well attended. Programmes included tape-sessions, discussions and study.

In France, the work of carrying Theosophy to places outside the capital has been continued by the General Secretary. Miss Marion Caws was their guest at Convention. Publication work included the publication of the French magazine *Le Lotus Bleu*, which goes to French-speaking members in Belgium and Switzerland as well. A very fine edition of H.P.B.'s Theosophical Glossary has been brought out by the publication wing of the Section.

The Italian General Secretary, Mr Bratina, reports that from 1 January 1981,

the Society in Italy became a corporate body. This enabled them to acquire legacies which had been pending for several years in Milan, Genoa, Rome and Trieste. The Section had an increase of 106 members.

In Germany, in addition to existing places for study week-ends, two new ones have been founded in central and southern Germany. Here, too, there is an increasing number of enquiries and the German magazine, *Adyar*, is being received very favourably.

Several of the European Sections have published translations of Theosophical books with the help of the Non-English Publication Fund, whose work has been directed by Miss Joy Mills as in previous years. In Germany and Sweden, A.K. Winner's *Basic Ideas of the Occult Wisdom* will be brought out. In Denmark, a translation of Geoffrey Baborka's *The Divine Plan* has been prepared. In England, C.W. Leadbeater's *Man: Visible and Invisible* was taken up. Adyar Verlag in Austria brought out a German translation of *Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy* prepared by Ianthe Hoskins. In Spain, Annie Besant's *The Laws of the Higher Life* was published.

It is reported from Spain that many were attracted in Barcelona by a programme on Yoga and Theosophy based on Dr Taimni's books. The fourth Iberian Theosophical gathering was held in Portugal with Dr H. van der Hecht, Vice-President of the European Federation, as the guest.

Mrs Barbro Melander, Chairman of the European Federation, writes that the entire Executive Committee of the European Federation was active, which has

been helpful. All the members of the Committee travelled and helped the Lodges and the work.

In Australia, Mr J.G. Patterson, the General Secretary, gave orientation courses in basic Theosophy, which attracted a large number of the public. He says that Lodges are now more aware that there must be study of basic Theosophy. There are several seminar centres within the Section. These are very useful for those who wish to reside and study together. Some programmes, including a science research week-end, were held in The Manor Centre in Sydney. Mr V.W. Slater, Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Mrs Seetha Neelakantan, all visitors from other countries, helped to give fresh impetus.

In New Zealand, the Section's magazine attracts many new members. The number of subscriptions increased by 230. Cassettes of Theosophical interest are much in demand.

The work in the Philippine Section is getting into stride again after the disruption caused by the fire in 1978. It has been decided to emphasize intensive study and character development at the Lodge level and also to distribute Theosophical books in schools and colleges. Plans are being made to hold an Indo-Pacific Conference in the Philippines in 1983.

It is heartening to know that meetings continue to be held on Sunday mornings at the Headquarters in Viet Nam. Philanthropic work by members continues and evokes sympathetic consideration in the environment. In Sri Lanka, it is reported that there is need to repair the Headquarters building and add a new wing for a library and reading-room. Studies have

been concentrating on discovering the deeper links between different schools of Buddhism. Some week-end seminars have been organized. In Indonesia there are 21 Lodges scattered over a vast area. The annual Convention was held in central Java, when most of the Lodges were represented. In Burma and Pakistan there are many difficulties, but work is carried on on a limited scale. The main work in Pakistan is in Karachi. The old building in Quetta was sold for a very handsome amount, and it is proposed to use the proceeds for the Society and also for welfare projects of the Theosophical Order of Service.

In Nairobi, East Africa, additions have been made to the building which serves both the Section and the Nairobi Lodge. Monthly letters in Gujarati are sent to all the Lodges. It is reported that there is a great demand for Theosophical literature. Plans are going ahead for the World Congress to be held in Nairobi in December 1982.

It is reported that most of the Lodges in South Africa are active. Mr Dudley Gower from Australia visited the Section and was the guest at the Annual Convention in Durban.

The General Secretary for Argentina, Mr Juan Carlos Palmeri, is concerned with bringing about a keen sense of responsibility on the part of the members. The quarterly magazine of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation is prepared in Argentina and contains much Theosophical material. In addition, a newsletter goes out to members. A team of translators is at work to translate articles from *The Theosophist* and other magazines. Annie Besant's *A Study in*

Consciousness and Clara Codd's *Life's Mysteries and How Theosophy Explains Them* have been published. Study material and audio-visual programmes are also being prepared. A property in Cordoba received as a donation has been named 'Adyar Centre' and will be used for book distribution.

The report from Central America sent by the General Secretary, Mr Julio Martinez Santos, refers to the unfortunate conflicts in the area. In spite of that, meetings have been held in Guatemala and El Salvador. In Nicaragua, the attendance was very good in both the existing Lodges. Work in Costa Rica has been carried on actively. It was here that the first Theosophical Lodge of Central America was founded in 1904. The report about Panama is not so satisfactory.

In Cuba, joint meetings of all the members of the Section take place periodically. A course for training new members has been started. In Uruguay a summer camp was held to study *The Principles of Theosophical Work* by Dr Taimni. A radio programme is given once a week. In Bolivia, the number of members has decreased, but the report says that the sense of dedication is strong among those who are carrying on the work. Reports have also come from Peru and Venezuela.

Directly attached to Headquarters are the following: Comilla Lodge in Bangladesh which was established in 1889. It went through many difficulties during the war, when all the books disappeared. Gifts of books are needed for the members who meet regularly. In Japan there is one Lodge which is active. A Japanese translation of *When Daylight*

Comes has been published and other books are being prepared and printed. In Israel, Covenant Lodge in Tel-Aviv has also published Theosophical books, including *The Key to Theosophy* in Hebrew. There is another Lodge in Tel-Aviv, namely Harmony Lodge.

Mr Arnaldo Sisson Filho, President of the World Theosophical Youth Federation, writes that the Federation's object is to encourage youth groups to participate in the regular work of Theosophical Lodges. The Federation seeks to attract the interest of young people and plans lines of work which are suitable to them, but does not want a separation between the young and old. Three camps were held in Brazil where there are eight youth groups and the largest percentage of young people in the whole of the Theosophical Society. There are also active members in Canada, England, Spain, Holland, New Zealand and Peru. The Federation brings out an international Newsletter entitled *The Universal Man*.

The Theosophical Order of Service has been active in a number of countries. The international coordination work done from Adyar suffered some handicaps because of the unusual circumstances of the year, but it will be resumed soon. In Belgium, the members collected clothes and money to help underdeveloped countries. Various gifts in kind and cash have also been sent from France. In Australia, funds are received from Austcare for various projects for refugees; this year for the Buddhist orphanage in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Work is being done in a number of Australian Lodges by various groups of the Order. In the Philippines, a para-medical service and healing work is

being organized by members of the Order. In Pakistan, there is a strong and active group working with the Save the Children Fund. Work is also being done to help animals. In many other countries, including India, the United States and England, the work of the Order of Service is being actively promoted.

I should like to conclude this survey by reverting again to the need to create within the Society a strong interest in the quality of life which the members lead. We shall not be able to help the world truly unless we have something real to share. There has been considerable interest in several parts of the world in organizing classes for training future workers and having schools of Theosophy. Very fine work is being done in the Krotona Centre in Ojai, under the direction of Mrs Ann Greene and Miss Joy Mills. Students from many parts of the world have been attending the School of Theosophy in Krotona and have felt inspired by the atmosphere and the classes. The idea of having such a school in other countries of the world has been mooted. If such schools come into being, it would be important to make the students aware of the fundamental aims and character of the Society in addition to offering courses in the philosophy and metaphysics of Theosophy. Bands of workers who are steeped not only in Theosophy but in the atmosphere of spiritual living and high ethical values are needed everywhere

to create bright prospects for the future.

Adyar is the heart of the Theosophical world where the Masters' work and influence must grow in ever greater measure. The next year, 1982, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Headquarters at Adyar. There have been comments by some about establishing a Headquarters outside India on the grounds that there is insecurity in the country. But insecurity is not special to any area; every part of the world suffers from the insecurity of a dangerously armed world. Our great founders, Mme Blavatsky and Col Olcott, specially chose Adyar to be the centre of the Theosophical world, not merely because of its physical beauty, but because its magnetism and spiritual atmosphere were considered to be most conducive to the work. Adyar has been sanctified by the visits to it of very great personages and the life of the many exceptional Theosophists who have lived there. It has been enriched by the devotion that members have poured into it for a century. As an Ashrama it has few parallels. The approaching centenary of the Headquarters is an opportunity for members to strengthen and support this centre in every possible way and make it more than ever a sacred place, from which the influence and the blessing of the Holy Ones may radiate to all.

RADHA BURNIER

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in submitting the report on the accounts and finances for the year 1980-81.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

A. Income

1. There have been increases under the following heads :

(i) Interest (Net)	—	Rs. 41,689
(ii) Licence Fee	—	Rs. 15,000

2. Under the following heads, there are decreases in income :

(i) Donations	—	Rs. 34,586
(ii) Fees and Dues	—	Rs. 6,270

3. Adyar Newsletter has given an income of Rs. 1,503 as against the deficit of Rs. 1,250 in 1979-80.

4. During the year one motor car was sold giving a profit of Rs. 19,081.

B. Expenditure

1. In the expenditure other than departmental, there has been a saving of Rs. 66,956.

2. The departments, in the aggregate, have shown an increased deficit of Rs. 55,415.

3. For the quarter ending 31st March 1981, additional Dearness Allowance amounting to Rs. 11,526 has been paid to workers. This amount will be much larger for a whole year in 1981-82.

C. Taking into account all the increases and decreases, the net deficit for the year under review comes to Rs. 49,053 as against the deficit of Rs. 39,509 in 1979-80.

Departmental Results

1. **Adyar Library:** Adyar Library shows a net expenditure of Rs. 95,784 as against Rs. 66,435 of 1979-80. Out of the expenditure for 1980-81, a sum of Rs. 42,000 is due to depreciation in value of stocks based on the year of publication.

2. Bhojanasala

The net deficit in the boarding section comes to Rs. 21,219 as against Rs. 11,487 of 1979-80. There has been a fall in the mess income and hire charges by Rs. 2,302. The expenditure has increased by Rs. 7,430.

In the lodging section, though there has been a small saving under expenses, the income has fallen by Rs. 8,665. This is due to accommodation being given on a selective basis.

The final result is that though there has been a saving under general expenditure of Rs. 2,366, the department shows a net deficit of Rs. 4,164 as against the surplus of Rs. 11,467 in 1979-80.

3. Leadbeater Chambers

In the boarding section, the income has fallen by Rs. 11,035 while there is no marked deviation in the expenditure as compared with 1979-80.

In the lodging section also the income has fallen by Rs. 7,322. There is a saving of Rs. 11,455 under expenses. The general expenditure also has fallen by Rs. 5,515.

The final result of the department is a net surplus of Rs. 16,009 as against the surplus of Rs. 18,129 in 1979-80.

4. Garden Department: The return from cultivation has fallen by Rs. 4,229. There has been an increase in the sale of jungle wood by Rs. 4,480. It is necessary to point out that there has been a steep fall in the income from coconuts. The sales for the year under review come to Rs. 97,185 as against Rs. 122,608 of the previous year, the difference being Rs. 25,423. The other overheads have gone up by Rs. 4,653. The net result is a deficit of Rs. 48,481 as against the deficit of Rs. 44,079 in the preceding year.

5. Maintenance Department: The recoveries have fallen by Rs. 3,738 while there has been a small saving of Rs. 418 under expenses, with the result that the overall deficit of the department has gone up by Rs. 3,320.

6. Vasanta Press: The production account shows a gross profit of Rs. 180,194 as against Rs. 191,107 in 1979-80. The labour payments include Rs. 60,000 paid as compensation and notice pay, etc. to 29 employees retrenched on 31-3-1981. The printing receipts also include Rs. 8,000 being sale proceeds of scrap obtained in the earlier years. The Office and Management expenses have gone up by Rs. 8,376. The final result of the working of the Press shows a deficit of Rs. 92,473 as against the deficit of Rs. 67,045 in 1979-80. Excluding the compensation of Rs. 60,000 and the sale of scrap of Rs. 8,000 of earlier years, the net deficit which may be considered to relate to the year under review will be Rs. 40,473.

During the year under review, the balance in the New Machinery Fund of Rs. 434,596 has been transferred to the General Fund. This Fund has been carried forward from 1975-76 and 1976-77, consisting of the donations then received and value of machinery obtained as a gift.

7. The Theosophical Publishing House: In the case of *The Theosophist*, advertisements have given an increased income of Rs. 5,266 and the expenditure also has gone down by Rs. 4,184. Thus, there has been an improvement under

these two heads. The final result is however, an excess of expenditure over income of Rs. 16,173 as against Rs. 14,618 in 1979-80, mostly due to the non-receipt of donations which were specially made available during a few preceding years.

The gross profit on sales of books, etc. has increased by Rs. 45,548. The other income such as interest, etc. has fallen by Rs. 3,467. The expenses on management have gone up by Rs. 8,143. Thus the net income has increased by Rs. 33,938 over the income of 1979-80.

8. Consumer Stores: The net deficit comes to Rs. 7,843 as against the surplus of Rs. 1,261 in the earlier year. The expenditure includes subsidy given at 10% from August 1980 to January 1981 amounting to Rs. 6,321.

9. Convention 1980: There is a deficit of Rs. 13,954 in the year under review as against the surplus of Rs. 12,363 in 1979-80.

BALANCE SHEET:

1. General Fund: The General Fund has increased by the addition of donations and part allocation of Adyar Day collections amounting to Rs. 67,702 and transfer of various funds amounting to Rs. 495,122. The details are as under:

	Rs.
1. Donations	34,732
2. Adyar Day Allocation	32,970
3. Surplus on sale of land and buildings	49,595
4. Gulistan Improvement Fund....	4,605
5. Retired Bullocks Maintenance Fund	2,200
6. Vasanta Press New Machinery Fund	434,596
7. Other Transfer (Customs refund, etc.)	4,126
	<hr/>
	562,824

The General Fund now stands at Rs. 6,350,142 as on 31-3-1981 as against Rs. 5,920,663 in the previous year.

2. Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund and John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund: Under A.B.C. Fund, we have received donations totalling Rs. 98,208 and under John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund, the donations received amount to Rs. 55,154. The total of these funds put together stands at Rs. 2,846,976. For various reasons, it was decided to show the two funds separately, this year.

3. 1982 Adyar Centenary Celebrations Fund: The balance stands at Rs. 50,665 as on 31-3-1981. This fund has been created to meet the expenses in connection with the celebration of the Centenary of Adyar to be held concurrently with the International Convention in 1982.

4. Investments: The bank deposits have increased by Rs. 271,000.

5. Depreciation: As in the previous year, depreciation on Immovable Properties amounting to Rs. 114,292 has been charged directly to the General Fund.

Before closing, I would like to suggest that the depreciation on the Immovable Properties may be charged to the Income and Expenditure account as this is an appropriate charge on the revenue of each year.

(Miss) Tjioe Siang Nio
Hony. Treasurer

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, FEDERATION
SECRETARIES, PRESIDENTIAL
AGENTS, ETC.

The reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
International Secretary.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The American Section registered a year of growth in all the departments, including membership which rose to 5,285—an increase of 156. We now have 83 active Lodges and 89 Study Centres throughout the United States.

Theosophy stresses self-responsibility which is not necessarily popular. But today, with people searching for gurus, Theosophy offers a doctrine and a point of view which is an important contribution to our present world society. And I think there is a growing acceptance of theosophical ideas in many fields—with more people reading our books and subscribing to our magazine. It is heartening to see the response to the Special Issues of the *American Theosophist* published during the year: 'Science and Ancient Tradition' for which we received 800 subscriptions from the general public; and 'The Relevancy of Religion', which also attracted several hundred subscriptions.

The momentum of publication in the Quest Series is being kept up. Eleven new titles were released and an additional 13 reprinted during the year. We now have a total of 162 Quest books in print. Sale of the Quest Series and other theosophical books increased 20 percent during the year.

New projects include bringing Theosophy to the public through video cassette programmes, supported by printed materials—a discussion guide, bibliography, and suggested guidelines for further study.

The International President, Mrs. Radha Burnier, was the Chief Guest at

our Annual Convention in July and the Summer School which followed. The theme of the Convention was 'The Essence of Theosophy and the Transformation of the Personality'. Mrs. Burnier also gave a series of talks and held discussions in the Summer Camps in the East, West and Southwest U.S. where members from nearby areas had gathered. She spent ten days in the Krotona Centre in California, where she inaugurated the new session of the Krotona School of Theosophy. More than 80 members from all over the United States had gathered at Krotona to attend the lectures of Mrs. Burnier. Students from many lands, ranging from Finland to Malaysia, have joined the course, which is directed by Miss Joy Mills, former International Vice-President.

The Department of Education had a busy time catering to members, Lodges and Study Centres of the Society as well as the general public. Among its activities are radio programme promotion and distribution; film rentals; assistance to theosophical camps; a cassette lending library; correspondence courses; study courses; audio-visual sets; public seminars, classes and lectures; member workshops; services to new members and groups; and development of new educational materials and programmes such as video cassettes.

A total of 1,398 audio-visual materials were borrowed by members during the year; 150 films, 13 slide sets and 1,373 cassette tapes were loaned; and 1,607 tapes were sold.

Eighty students enrolled in the Correspondence Course programmes. Three new films were added to the Quest Film Series: *The Sufi Way*, *Requiem for a Faith*; and *India and the Infinite*.

An average of 1,070 letters are sent each month to new members to acquaint them with the many activities of the Society.

The Department of Education continues to distribute three radio series throughout the United States. Some of the programmes are sponsored by Lodges and Centres, i.e. radio stations are paid for broadcasting the programmes. Nearly 50 orders were also received from radio stations for 'Quest Radio Series' and 'Eternal Quest Series'.

Bing Escudero, our National Lecturer, toured through the Section covering many Lodges and Study Centres and delivering lectures. His friendliness brings the members of the Society

much closer together. His lectures bring new faces, and new members join the Society in many places. He is thus doing an invaluable service for the Society.

Four Seminars and ten public lectures were held at the National Headquarters during the year; also five public class series, one audio-visual programme and one special-day programme.

The Theosophical Research Institute continues to be active under the chairmanship of Dr. Ralph Hannon. Four T.R.I. newsletters are published annually, including detailed reports of science seminars.

Dr. Dolores Krieger, Dr. Erik Peper and I have been continuing to give workshops for nurses, psycho-therapists and doctors. We have incorporated Theosophical concepts in all our workshops.

Dora Kunz
President

ENGLAND

Our first full year under Mrs. Radha Burnier's leadership as President indicates that we are at the beginning of an up-grade period. Throughout the Section attendance at meetings has improved; library subscribers increased by 379 at the headquarters; and there were more inquiries for information on the Society's activities.

Meetings, lectures and other routine work went on steadily in the Section's 64 Lodges and 24 Centres, with a total membership of 2,168. Although new admissions totalled 329 and re-admissions 41, almost an equal number have temporarily lapsed, maybe some

by oversight.

The Section was fortunate in having Miss Joy Mills as Guest Speaker not only at the Annual Convention in May but at our Summer School at High Leigh late July. She visited several European Sections between her engagements in the Section which included seminars and lectures in five of the seven Federations in England.

The year's Blavatsky Lecture was by Mr. Adam Warcup during the Convention, titled "An Enquiry into the Nature of Mind". It was well received, and has been printed in a small booklet now on sale.

The Summer School with its theme "Paths to Self-Realization" was fully booked; there were also a number of day visitors. It was a successful session and a very happy and friendly atmosphere was maintained throughout.

The European Council was invited to attend, and General Secretaries came from Sweden, France and Wales. With four additional members an open informal General Council Meeting was held to discuss the Society's work in all its aspects. A closed informal meeting was also held and several recommendations were sent to the President for consideration at the General Council Meetings at Varanasi in December 1981.

Inquiries came from many parts of the world, including several African and South American countries, totalling over 600. Many were referred to their appropriate Sections.

In addition to routine work, the Library assisted several research scholars into various aspects of our teachings. We have extended the services of the Tape Library to include the borrowing by members of tapes on loan through the Headquarters Library. Certain tapes on Theosophical lectures are on sale. Overseas visitors from many lands, ranging from Australia to South America, visited the Head-

quarters Inquiry Room, which is now kept open during most of August as well.

The Journal

This year the Journal has become a quarterly magazine, but we send a News-sheet every four months covering Lodge seminars, weekends and lecture tours.

The Society was represented at six major Festivals, three in London and three outside. These evoked considerable interest, and in some cases were followed up by special meetings resulting in new members.

The T.P.H. has had a better year financially. *Meditation* by J. Wedgewood was reprinted. Many theosophical books were sold during the various Festivals at which the Society was represented.

The activities at Tekels Park, our estate in Camberley, were livened up by the revival of the Youth Camps during the spring and summer. The first camp was held at Easter; a discussion camp attended by 25 persons took place in August; and a work camp in September. Additional camps are being planned.

Altogether a progressive and useful year.

Marion E. Caws
General Secretary

INDIA

The Indian Section's work during 1980-81 was characterized by a steady continuation of varied Theosophical activities at the Section, Federation and Lodge levels. There is, however, a pressing need to intensify our efforts

for the regeneration of the nation as part of the Society's role in the regeneration of humanity.

India is passing through a great moral crisis as can be seen in the increase of divisive forces like linguistic

chauvinism, religious bigotry and casteism, posing a threat to the nation's unity and progress. The culture of India, however, has always been a living force for unity amidst diversity.

Theosophical teachings provide a remedy for meeting the challenges of the modern times. And we have to work harder to bring about harmony and understanding by setting an example of selfless service, purity and integrity in our personal lives. We should carry the message of brotherhood and social integration to the young and old and work to promote moral values in public life. Unless moral values are restored in private and public life, the spiritual mission of India extolled by leaders like Dr. Annie Besant cannot be fulfilled. Many a serious thinker in India is looking towards spiritual organizations like the Theosophical Society to give the lead in this regard.

The question of revitalizing the entire organization of the Theosophical Society has been engaging the earnest attention of Mrs. Radha Burnier ever since she assumed charge as International President. To make our Society a living channel of the Ancient Wisdom is the responsibility of not only the President and other officers but of every member and every Lodge. The President has pointed out a number of activities in the branches of the Society in different parts of the world which do not merit to be called Theosophical. Her observations pertain to the work of many Lodges in the Indian Section as well. It is our duty, therefore, to concentrate our activities on the promotion of Theosophical ideals and teachings and eschew the practice of allowing our Lodges to be used as mere platforms

for exchange of opinions by protagonists of various cults and religions. While the Society cannot afford to degenerate into a regimental organization, at the same time it cannot survive if it becomes a loose and aimless entity.

The *Indian Theosophist*, official organ of the Indian Section, was given a new shape during the year and pressed into service to convey this new direction. Articles indicating the right type of work by the Society are being published every month.

Since the number of members well-versed in English is dwindling year by year, the importance of the language journals published by the various Federations has increased. We have to see that the language journals flourish to carry the message of the Ancient Wisdom to more and more persons. The publication of Theosophical classics in various Indian languages is also a pressing need. We have to move with the times to propagate Theosophy, and the publication of language editions and language journals is a major task of the future.

In spite of her very busy schedule, the President was good enough to spare time to visit a number of Federations and inspire members to a serious approach to life's deeper problems. She presided over the North Indian conference at Varanasi in October 1980, as well as the annual conferences of the Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan Federations. She visited the Indian Section Headquarters again in early February, addressed several meetings and revived the Annie Besant Youth Lodge. She also inaugurated a branch of the New Life for India Movement. Other annual conferences of Federations at which the President presided

were : Bihar, Telugu, Rayalaseema, Madras, Utkal, Karnataka and Gujarat. She also directed a Workers' Training Camp near Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

The International Vice-President, Mr. Surendra Narayan, presided over the annual conferences of Federations in Tamil Nadu, Bengal and Kerala. He also visited Delhi and Varanasi and delivered several lectures.

I participated as Chief Guest in the joint annual conference of the Telugu and Rayalaseema Federations at Guntur in February; also presided over the U.P. Federation's annual conference and conducted an intensive study class on *The Secret Doctrine*. Bellary and Hospet were also visited by me for talks.

National Lecturers Dr. A. Kannan and Prof. H.E. Hakim visited numerous Lodges to hold study camps and deliver series of talks. Due to illness Smt. Malati Pandya could visit only a few lodges of the U.P. Federation. Smt. Seetha Neelakantan conducted a study camp at Salem. Sri H.B. Vaishnav did yeoman work in Saurashtra-Kutch area and reactivated the Junagadh Lodge of the Gujarat Federation. Miss Subhada Telang visited some Lodges in Bihar and U.P.

Study camps were held by several federations. Intensive study of Theosophical literature is essential on the part of the members and study camps are very useful in this regard. Deeper study of Theosophical literature should also be taken up at the Lodge-level.

Membership

Membership of the Section registered an increase of 252 during the year, with 10,063 members on 1-10-1981. There were, however, more than a

thousand lapsed members during the period. If the senior members in the lodges take interest to keep in touch with new members and encourage them to study Theosophical literature, the number of lapses may not be so large. It is worth repeating that genuine interest in the Divine Wisdom and the search for Truth on the part of the members is more important than mere numerical strength.

Two Indian Section Property Committees have been formed—one for the Southern Zone with Bro. N. Anantanarayanan as Chairman, and the other for Western Zone with Bro. Mohanlal Velji as Chairman. These committees will examine the conditions of properties in the respective zones and suggest ways for better utilization and for safeguarding the interests of the Section. Similar Property Committees for other zones will be constituted in due course.

The Section suffered the grievous loss of several veteran members during the year, among them Bros. S.G. Venkataramanan, K.N. Ramanathan, B. R. Mullick and K. L. Agarwal. Bro. Venkataramanan was a well-known National Lecturer and served the Society for sixty years. Bro. Ramanathan was another devoted, self-effacing and industrious member since 1927. He was on the staff of *New India*, Dr. Besant's famous newspaper. After retiring as Manager of the Press Trust of India, he served the Society in a number of capacities, especially as Editor of the T.P.H. He also acted as Treasurer and Secretary of the T.S. Dr. Mullick was a well-known figure in the Indian Section as a lecturer. He was for many years Assistant Director of the International Centre of Theosophical Studies at Adyar and published many

articles. Bro. Agarwal was a devoted worker in the Bombay Federation, whose silent and sincere service was very much appreciated.

Others who passed on after more than fifty years of membership and service were Bros. G.N. Bhargava and Ramnath Dandekar of the U.P. Federation; Bro. Pyda Venkatanarayana of the Telugu Federation; Bro. Narmadeshwar Sahai of Bihar Federation; and Kum. Manech M. Homji of Bombay Federation. I wish to record our reverence and respect for these and other departed members, although their names are not listed here.

T.O.S.

The Theosophical Order of Service has been active as usual all over the country. With its registered office at the Indian Section Headquarters, the T.O.S. in India has 19 regional branches and 30 local groups functioning at diverse levels of service. The activities of T.O.S. during the year include:

- (a) helping flood and drought-stricken people, especially in Orissa and Rajasthan;
- (b) offering medical aid through charitable dispensaries. Special mention needs to be made of the services rendered by Dr. A.N. Agrawal of West Bengal who has been performing hundreds of free eye-operations every year; and Dr. B. S. Venkataramana Setty of Karnataka who has been helping the disabled with suitable appliances and needy students with books and stipends.

Social service of different types is also being rendered regularly by the

Gujarat, Bihar, Chandigarh, Kerala and Bombay regions from where encouraging reports have been received. The Bombay region also renders educational facilities to hundreds of needy students.

T.O.S. has more than 600 members, ten patrons and 175 Life Members.

The Tibbit Memorial Library in the National Headquarters is also continuing its steady service to the reading public by providing Theosophical literature and other books. The expansion work of the Library building was completed during the year. Renovation of buildings in the Headquarters compound has been taken up with the help of several members who have volunteered their services, among them Bros. Rama Kant Saran, a retired engineer from Bihar; K.K. Srivastava and Anand Murti Srivastava. The servants' quarters have been renovated with a generous donation, by the President Mrs. Radha Burnier.

In the field of education, the Besant Education Fellowship and other bodies have been doing yeoman service for the past several decades. Plenty more work needs to be done, and it is proposed to start the Besant Education Mission for this purpose.

New Life for India is a movement for right citizenship and right values and means in public and private life. The need for such a movement in India is obvious. As members of the T.S. we have to work for the higher values in public life.

Some Lodges in India which will be called Lead Lodges should take up propagation of theosophical knowledge through seminars and study camps in their areas. When the Theosophical Lodge is made a living force, it can become a powerful centre for altruistic

work. Our work should be of a nature which will promote Theosophical ethos all over India. I solicit the cooperation of all T.S. members to make our Society

a living force for the regeneration of our Motherland.

A. Suryanarayan Moorti
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

I am happy to report on yet another busy year of Theosophical work in Australia, both at the Section and Lodge levels. Special thanks are due to my predecessor Mrs. Elaine Murdoch who is sharing the General Secretary's work and salary with me. With Elaine in the office I have found myself able to visit lodges more than I expected, and this I feel has been very worthwhile.

The successful Annual Convention was well attended, including 12 visitors from Indonesia and one from New Zealand. A very popular workshop was given on "The Third Object Techniques/Technology" by Dr. Richard Silberstein.

We had several distinguished guest lecturers during the year, including a three-month comprehensive tour of every Lodge and group by Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan from Adyar. Others who visited for shorter duration were Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Mr. Wallace Slater from England. All three were instructive and popular and imparted fresh inspiration to the work.

Our National Lecturer, Mr. Dudley Gower, was the guest speaker at the Convention and toured many of the Lodges. Everywhere his lectures have been well received and he has done a good job in stimulating thought by his unique presentation of Theosophy.

He also visited and lectured in South Africa, England and the United States.

Prior to the Annual Convention, Mrs. Elaine Murdoch visited several lodges as General Secretary and reported good attendance at her lectures in Hobart, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane. I visited Perth, Adelaide, Newcastle and Canberra Lodges and the Gosford and Woy Woy groups; gave talks and held a seminar at Blavatsky Lodge; participated in a *Cosmos* seminar; and spoke to a university group. Besides giving lectures and discussing our work, I have concentrated on giving an Orientation Course on basic Theosophy in four one-hour sessions. The response from members has been uniformly good and attendance by non-members is also very gratifying. I intend to continue the Orientation Course and seminars in other Lodges as well.

Several members of the Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney also visited and lectured in other Lodges.

Theosophy in Australia continues to be popular, with Elaine carrying on as Editor.

It is, however, at the Lodge level that the work of the Society is largely maintained, which in turn depends on the support of the individual members.

There has been a growing awareness of this role among Lodges and members—as well as recognition of the need to ensure that programmes are targeted to promote Theosophical knowledge and work. One-day or week-end seminars are an excellent way to get Theosophy across to both members and interested non-members. Seetha Neelakantan was very well aware of this and held very successful seminars in eight of the Lodges she visited.

Several Lodges are trying to have residential centres for week-end seminars where members and non-members can study together and really get to know one another. Perth Lodge has supported Phil Harris in his efforts to establish Mt. Helena as such a centre. Adelaide and Brisbane Lodges are also working toward this goal.

Another highlight of the year was a very successful Science Research Week-end held at the Manor (Sydney). Two distinguished members of the English Theosophical Research Group, Ianthe Hoskins and Wallace Slater, and scientists from New Zealand, Queensland, Victoria and Sydney presented a series of papers on Occult Chemistry, Brain-mind Mechanisms and other subjects which provoked stimulating discussion.

Several Australian members have been invited to take part in the sessions of the Krotona School in California.

The Section's services to Lodges and members include the Resource Catalogue; study courses; tape library; publicity leaflets; Adyar Newsletter; and contact letters; The Adyar Newsletter has been produced regularly and forwarded to all Lodges and Groups. My monthly Contact letters are sent to all Lodge Presidents and Secretaries, and quarterly Contact letters to

National members keeps them in touch with what is happening throughout Australia and abroad.

This year 29 students have enrolled in the Correspondence Course.

Among our most valuable assets are the Lodge bookshops well placed in main shopping centres in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, and only a little less well placed in Brisbane and Perth. All the bookshops are well patronised.

The Quest Book Agency, agents for T.P.H., Wheaton and London as well as for several other reputed publishing firms, caters to customers throughout Australia and the Pacific area. More and more bookshops are making space on their shelves for our theosophical literature. Sydney has a staff member to cater to new bookshops and to ensure repeat orders from existing customers.

I am happy to report that the T.O.S. has been active on various relief activities, both nationally and internationally. The T.O.S. work throughout Australia is vitally important, because in this way the Theosophical Society relates to the community and proves in action the ideals which flow from the philosophy. There is need to expand the work of the T.O.S., including more dedicated workers. Several Lodges are also engaged in T.O.S. work in their areas.

Membership now stands at 1,188, a decrease of 25 from the last year. It is with pride that we record the award of M.B.E. to Elinor Wray, a member of the Blavatsky Lodge, for her lifelong work in speech therapy. She is also a regular volunteer helper at the Headquarters office. Fourteen members have taken advantage of the Membership Endowment Scheme by which

National dues covering the lifetime of the member can be paid in a lump sum.

It is gratifying to note the growing realization among members and Lodges that basic Theosophy when presented as the great principles which H.P.B. enunciated is our greatest asset and when presented in a modern manner is not only what our own members need but also what the enquiring public want.

To make Theosophy a living force it is essential that we should demonstrate in our lives the spiritual ethics which stem from the great Theosophical principles. When we reinforce our study and teaching by a way of living then our Lodges cannot fail to be vital.

Jack Patterson
General Secretary

SWEDEN

The Swedish Section's headquarters in Stockholm and the five Lodges elsewhere in the country were engaged in a variety of activities during the year to spread the Ancient Wisdom.

Miss Ianthe Hoskins from England made a tour of the Section in October delivering lectures and holding meetings for members in Stockholm, Orebro, Gothenburg and Malmo. She also conducted a seminar in Stockholm on 'Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy' when the Swedish version of her book of the same title was made available to participants.

As usual other public lectures were delivered in Stockholm and study circles have been working with meditation and *The Secret Doctrine*.

A spring convention was organized in May near Stockholm with Goran Borlund from Finland as our guest. In July our Section participated in the Summer School near Trondheim, Norway, with Joy Mills as guest speaker. In June we made a presentation of Theosophy and the T.S. on the national radio.

The membership is increasing slowly, and is at present 289.

The Swedish version of A.K. Winner's *Basic Ideas of the Occult Wisdom* is under print at Adyar. An abridged version of HPB's *Key to Theosophy* will soon be published in cooperation with the Pasadena Theosophical Society in Sweden, for which an agreement has been signed.

The Headquarters Bookshop continues to be active. Both our Swedish/Norwegian magazine *Teosofi i Norden* and the members' magazine of our Section are published quarterly.

Several organizations and informal groups emphasize the need for holistic approaches in various fields of human and social activity. An increasing concern for the welfare of our biological environment comes to expression. As there is more awareness of the harmful repercussions from a materialistic way of life, the very scale of problems like threats against world peace, destruction of environment, unemployment and the tremendous lack of proportion in the distribution of basic human welfare

seems to bring a sense of despair and hopelessness. As the prime ideas of Theosophy, like brotherhood of man and reincarnation, are now more or less accepted as ideas, dogmatic religion has no longer any authority. While modern research for example in physics and recent literature on states of consciousness by processes of death all seem to validate the teachings of Theosophy, there is today a strong need

for something more radical than mere knowledge and views. As Theosophists we ought to live with a fearless, positive and clear attitude of mind and heart in order to support practical attempts for promotion of peace and responsibility among peoples and leaders of the world.

Gunnar Larson
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

With 16 active Lodges and 1,528 members, the Theosophical Society in New Zealand had another year of useful activities to spread the knowledge of Theosophy among members and non-members.

The year saw renewed effort put into publicity, reaching out towards those who otherwise might never be reached. Our advertising campaign covered the whole country through newspapers and other secular publications, with excellent response and in many cases expressions of gratitude.

An onerous duty devolves on the Society and its members. One cannot help thinking that a widespread knowledge of Theosophical principles can strengthen the national fabric during a time of great emotional disturbance as was witnessed in recent months in Switzerland. Dedicated Theosophists must feel impelled to work harder than ever before towards "popularizing a knowledge of Theosophy", for it is Theosophy put into practice that will save man from destroying himself.

The Section magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand* has a wide circulation and attracts the highest proportion of new members. A special introductory offer of one dollar for a year's subscription attracted 230 new subscribers.

We reprinted 2050 copies of Geoffrey Hodson's pamphlet "How to Study Theosophy" and 3,000 copies of a revised edition of the booklet "A Spiritual Science for Today"—both for free distribution. We also purchased over 9,000 American publicity leaflets for distribution in large numbers to Lodges.

The General Secretary and the National Lecturer have visited and lectured at the Lodges once or twice during the year. Mrs. Elsie Wilson also spoke at several Lodges. Some members lectured at neighbouring Lodges.

Headquarters issues quarterly news letters to all members, and monthly letters on Theosophical teachings to new members for the first 18 months. It also provides aids to Lodge Officers and Study Courses and Slides and Tapes

to Lodges or individual members. A monthly afternoon programme is held at the Headquarters in cooperation with H.P.B. Lodge with a talk followed by tea and a social hour. It is proving very popular with members and friends who are unable to attend evening meetings.

Films

Several new colour films are purchased from Hartley Productions every year and taken to all Lodges with appropriate short lectures by the General Secretary or the National Lecturer. They are also made available on free loan to Lodges and suitable organizations like University departments.

The National Lecturer broadcast over the national network on "What's new in the world of religion". Local radio stations are used for publicising our lecturers. There is a steady demand for cassettes of Theosophical interest; 431 were sent out during the year. Geoffrey Hodson's Talking Books are still in demand. A fresh venture is the introduction of Theosophical Lectures on the popular Talking Book System by the N.Z. Foundation for the Blind, and the inclusion of these in their catalogue.

The Section Library is quite active. Its Postal Library Service caters to both non-members and members residing in

remote areas and is becoming popular. About 200 books were sent in 85 parcels.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson are holding a monthly open house for meeting young members under the age of 35. Study camps have been held during holiday periods. Other activities include Healing Groups and, in some Lodges, regular meetings. One of our younger members is attending the Krotona Institute and several others are planning to attend.

The Lodges cooperate with Headquarters efficiently and are to be commended for their indefatigable efforts to spread knowledge of Theosophy. We have to pursue our task with fortitude and humility. We have a glorious vision to fulfil as Sir George Gray reminded us:

"Falter not: march resolutely on, with Truth and Justice upon either hand of you, with the love of mankind as your guiding star, your duty to your Maker as the staff on which you lean.

Then will God bless you and render you a blessing to the ages yet to come."

May our efforts in 1982 be directed towards this end.

Mavis Hardy
General Secretary

NETHERLANDS

With 24 Lodges and 891 members, the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands has marked another

successful year of varied activities. These included two study week-ends in November and May and a Summer

School in July attended by 240 persons.

The northern lodges arranged a day-long get-together for members and non-members. The eastern lodges organized a similar meeting, while the southern lodges had a get-together with the Flemish-speaking lodges in Belgium. These meetings were a great success in renewing contacts and making new ones. Three workers' meetings were also organized by different lodges, attended by 30 members, to promote personal contact and learn of each other's work.

Library

The Library in Amsterdam was reconstructed totally, with more room for books and patrons—an extra reading corner, a meditation room, office, and kitchen. A meeting room for courses and lectures is also nearing completion. Another heartening development is that a city library is scheduled to be set up in the adjacent building, with good potential for cooperation between the public library and our Theosophical library.

The bookshop is quite active with the sale of not only our books but also

books from Adyar, London and Wheaton.

Publications

Three books were printed during the year: *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. III; *The Chakras* by C.W. Leadbeater (reprint); and *Het Onmogelijke Zoeken* (The impossible search) by J.H. Dubbink on how to study *The Secret Doctrine*.

A new translation of *The Voice of the Silence* by H.P.B. is nearing completion.

Bro. Rohit and Shridevi Mehta conducted the study week-end in November on 'Frontiers of a New Age'. Fifty persons attended. Their fine talks in English could not be translated however.

Dr. Hans Stiekema was the guest speaker during study week-end in May on 'Becoming Conscious, Being Healthy—A Holistic Approach'; attendance was 150 persons.

Our magazine *Theosophia* continues to be well patronised. It is published six times a year. The members also receive a newsletter five times a year.

Arend Heybroek
General Secretary

FRANCE

I am glad to report on a successful year of Theosophical work in France. Our publishing house, the Editions Adyar, reprinted several old books which were out of print for long, but badly needed by members. We also acquired new machinery for the press which will enable us to publish and reprint books economically.

Activities centred mainly in our Headquarters, with public lectures, courses and one Seminar last January. The General Secretary visited some upcountry lodges—in Lyon, Strasbourg, Grenoble, Bournand, Lorient and Pau. The Pezenas Lodge organized a Seminar in Sete last March which was a great success. We published a

special issue of our magazine for the Seminar about 'Age of Aquarius'.

Our magazine, *Le Lotus Bleu*, which was founded by H.P.B. in 1887, continued to be issued as the official organ of the Belgian, Swiss and French Sections, with a circulation of 1,750.

The annual convention was held in May, when Miss Marion Caws of England was the Guest of Honour. Many

of our members also attended the Summer School for Latin Countries in Italy. It was the first Summer School experience for most of them.

There was a small decline in the membership of the Section, but several of the lapses were of newly-joined members.

Francoise Caracostea
General Secretary

ITALY

The Theosophical Society in Italy had a very eventful year during 1980-81 in that the Italian Government finally recognized it as a "public utility", to take effect from 1st January 1981. This was the culmination of a 30-year effort by the Section to gain such recognition, which will enable it to acquire legal title to several legacies pending in Roma, Trieste, Milan and Genoa. This in turn will enable a much-needed expansion of the Section's activities in the coming years.

Our 28 Lodges and 4 Study Centres were active in theosophical work, especially those at Milan, Torino, Genoa and Trieste. We now have 911 members, an increase of 106 during the year.

Our magazine is published regularly, with a circulation of 885.

The National Convention was attended by 120 members, with Mrs. Hermine Sabetay as Guest Speaker. Another distinguished visitor was the Rev. Anthony Elenjimitam from India, who is very popular and also visited various Lodges.

The General Secretary visited and lectured in Venice, Milan, Torino, Roma, Geneva and other Lodges, and had a large correspondence with Lodges and members-at-large.

The Summer School for Latin countries was held in August, with about 120 members from Italy, France, Belgium, Spain Switzerland and Portugal.

The Section published the first volume of a revised edition of *The Secret Doctrine*, and sold 300 copies during the Convention. The rest of the six-volume series will also be published, as they have been out of print for many years. Other books published during the year were Williamson's *The Great Law*, out of print for 50 years, and the second edition of Bratina's *Regole della Comunità degli Esseni*, being the Rules of the Essene Community translated with comments from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Edoardo Bratina
General Secretary

GERMANY

During the past year membership decreased and one Lodge was dissolved. However, the number of interested people asking for information about Theosophy has increased considerably.

Regular study week-ends are held once or twice a year in several places. In addition, new meeting places have been found, one in central and the other in southern Germany. Such meetings enable especially unattached members to come together to discuss theosophical subjects and take a more active part by giving lectures or similar contributions. All participants are showing keen interest in the study week-ends, thus encouraging us to continue them.

Our magazine *Adyar* continues to be favourably received by members and

nonmembers.

The General Secretary and Treasurer attended the winter 1981 term in the Krotona Institute, and the Treasurer stayed on for the spring term also. The studies there have imparted new ideas for future work in our Section as well as inspiration and enabled closer contacts with members of other Sections.

Our Summer School was held at St. Martin with Miss Joy Mills as guest speaker. Her talks and discussions were inspiring. Our Convention was also held at that time, when the Board members were re-elected.

We now have nine Lodges with a total membership of 279.

Gerda Hoffer
General Secretary

CUBA

The Cuban Section with its 19 active Lodges were engaged in regular Theosophical work during the year. Study classes, public lectures, symposia and regular publication of our magazine were among the activities.

The Section launched in September a course of Theosophical Training for new members, friends and sympathizers at the Annie Besant Lodge, with speakers drawn from different Lodges. It will continue up to February 1982 and has been well received.

Different Lodges are holding study classes on various Theosophical books:

Isis Unveiled; Man and His Bodies by Dr. Besant; *Self-Culture* and *Man, God and the Universe* by Dr. Taimni.

Several inter-lodge meetings were held during the year to promote fraternal relations, which also featured interesting talks by prominent Theosophists.

All Theosophical anniversaries were duly celebrated with educative commemorative talks.

Our magazine, *Revista Teosofica Cubana*, is now published regularly; earlier delays in its publication have

been overcome.

Due to several of our members leaving the country, our membership declined from 529 last year to 487 now.

The 76th Annual Convention of the Cuban Section was held in January for three days. It was well attended and marked by fraternal contacts, friendship and enthusiasm. The convention theme was "New Bearings of

Psychology: Towards the Transformation of Man". Three symposia were held: "Man and the Development of Consciousness"; "The Power of Thought" and "Psychology and Theosophy". A film show and devotional music were also featured.

Dr. Lelia Fernandez Pagola
General Secretary

FINLAND

The steady pace of Theosophical work continued in Finland during the year under review. We enjoyed international contacts by visits of several guest speakers—Mr. Curt Berg from Sweden; Mrs. Barbro Melander, the Swedish Chairman of the European Federation; Miss Joy Mills in Kreivila Summer School for nine days in June. One of us went to Sweden as a guest speaker. Two members attended the Scandinavian Summer School in Norway. Seven members visited the Theosophical Centre in Naarden, Holland.

The annual convention was held at Kreivila, where a residential week-end was also arranged in August. The Summer Home at Kreivila has been a popular course centre with its improved facilities, and hired by other societies too. A Theosophical benevolent fund, the John Sonck Home Fund, has year after year made it possible for many elderly members to stay at Kreivila and enjoy a healthy holiday in the beautiful vegetarian Summer Home.

We participated in two book exhibitions at city libraries in Pori and Turku, to which we also donated some Theosophical books. We have succeeded in getting several Theosophical articles published in local newspapers and several magazines during the year. A short TV programme has also been recorded for use by the state-owned medium. The General Secretary addressed the Helsinki Rotary Club on Theosophy.

New audio-visual equipment has been acquired and several art and science programmes were held in Helsinki, including films, slides and talks. These have been popular among members as well as nonmembers.

Thirty-seven new members joined the Section during the year, but an equal number of resignations and lapses maintained the membership at about 500. Two lodges were dissolved, one in Helsinki and one in the far north of Finland. A new Lodge was founded in Kuusankoski.

Our magazine *Teosofi* continues to be

published ten times a year. The Blavatsky Lodge also publishes a magazine, *Wheel of Life*, and has reprinted some books. In September 1981 we were happy to send the editor of *Teosofi*, Miss Raili Kekkinen, to the

Krotona Institute to attend a course, and we plan to send more Finnish members to Krotona in the future.

Sirkka Kivilinna
General Secretary

SOUTH AFRICA

Most of our Lodges are active, study classes are stimulating and the lectures drawing more and more people.

Pretoria Lodge is organizing a research group; Durban Lodge is going to buy their own lodge premises.

Study classes discuss the three fundamental propositions of Theosophy; *The Mahatma Letters*; *Study in Consciousness*; Kabbalah, Tarot, Astrology, etc.

The 73rd Annual Convention in Durban was well attended; Mr. Dudley Gower from Australia was the guest speaker. He lived in South Africa for 20 years before going to Australia 30 years ago and remembered several old members. The convention theme was "Preparing the Soil for Spiritual Growth". Honorary Life Membership was given to three members of long

standing and service.

There has been a decrease of 37 in membership, which now totals 300. This resulted from the lodges bringing their membership lists up to date and writing off 'dead wood'.

Our 1982 Convention will be held in Cape Town at Easter time.

Although we have received an invitation to attend the Seventh World Congress in Nairobi, South African members are not allowed to visit Kenya. Let us pray for the world to become open-minded and be moved by the 'Power of Love' replacing the current 'love for Power', and for 'poor, poor humanity' as said by one of our Masters.

Anna M.G. Bischoff
General Secretary

SCOTLAND

The pattern of work in the Scottish Section during the year under review was basically similar to that in earlier years.

Our Annual Convention was held at

Glasgow with Rosemary Olsen of Wallasey Lodge as our Guest of Honour. Rosemary's two talks, "Man—Creature of Earth, Son of Heaven" and "In Search of Joy" were well received

and inspired a total of fifty minutes of discussion.

Later in the summer we had the distressing scenes on television of violence in our inner cities, so the Section members were asked to meditate at a fixed hour each day on peace and harmony in relation to those places. We feel that this is an area in which Theosophists can do a great deal of good.

This year the three "new" Lodges (actually old Lodges reconstituted) were granted formal recognition by Adyar. The period under review saw a certain upsurge in activity in the field of astronomy in that one of these new

Lodges is specialising in that subject, and the Aberdeen Lodge is becoming more enmeshed with the astrology group in that city. A personal, if not Lodge, interest exists in Glasgow also. This appears to me to be a very reasonable state of affairs, for while Theosophy, with its emphasis on karma and dharma through reincarnation, can tell us in a general way why a situation has come about, astrology will indicate in detail how it is being worked out, and how the the best may be made of any given situation.

James G. Mitchell
General Secretary

SWITZERLAND

No Report

BELGIUM

Although Theosophical work in Belgium during 1980-81 was more active and efficient than in earlier years we have a declining membership for some years now—nine less than a year ago and about 25 less than in 1977-78. We had 207 members as of 30-4-1981 in four Lodges in Brussels and four upcountry.

Earnest members, numerous some decades ago, have died successively, without having been able to form a new generation of workers for the T.S. The few active members of today have to rebuild the Section and hope that their work will bear fruit.

Several Lodges conducted study classes on basic Theosophy, yoga and

astrology, besides public lectures. For the second year, a lecture course on Theosophy was given fortnightly on Friday evening and Sunday morning, for an audience of 25.

All the work in Brussels is done in the premises of the Headquarters. Lodge meetings are always open to nonmembers. There are also weekly public lectures. Theosophical anniversaries are celebrated regularly.

The Summer School of the Latin Countries was organized by the Belgian Section in Spain August 1980 and was a success, with about 150 participants. The Council of the European Federation also met there.

T.O.S. was active and sent clothes

and money for relief overseas. A substantial amount was also sent by the Section to help the T.S. in Adyar.

The psychological climate of the Section is now outstanding, and an

expression of the spirit of living Brotherhood.

Ch. Lallemand
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Theosophical activities in Indonesia during 1980-81 continued on the pattern of earlier years. We now have 21 Lodges around the country with a membership of 795. One Lodge in East Java was dissolved for want of necessary membership.

We lost several long-standing members during the year. Prominent among them was 80-year-old Bro. S. Ramuwisit, a member since before World War II, very active as lecturer, writer and publisher of Theosophical books. He was a priest at the St. Michael Liberal Catholic Church in Semarang, Central Java, and the Section's Public Relations Officer.

Our annual convention was held in May in the historic city of Solo (Surakarta) in Central Java. Members from 18 of the 21 Lodges attended, totalling 125. Lectures were given by Bros. Soejatno, Ananda Suyono and Dr. B.M. Chee, a nature-cure specialist. A panel-discussion was held in which many members participated.

The convention resolved to register the Society under the Government's Department of Education and Culture and hold the next annual convention in East Java. The office bearers were re-elected.

R. S. Soejatno
General Secretary

BURMA

We have not been able to make sufficient progress in spreading Theosophical teachings in Burma for want of able and dedicated workers, finances and even books. We are, however, doggedly carrying on in the hope that the younger generation will come forward to carry on the torch.

We had a slight decrease of 12 in membership, and are now left with 113 members on the roll. The passing on

of Bro. U Kyaw Sein, one of our oldest members, a staunch Theosophist, and the moving spirit of the Burmese Section for many years, is a great loss to the movement in Burma.

The Olcott Lodge has been very active, with group meditation twice a week under the able leadership of Bro. U Tin Hlaing, group discussions and study classes on Theosophical teachings.

The Youth Lodge in Rangoon is also active, with study classes and T.O.S. work.

The 68th Annual Convention was held in October 1980 under the presidentship of Dr. Daw Win Kyi, President of the Olcott Lodge. It was well attended by members with their families and a large number of non-members. For the first time, the Rangoon Theosophical Society's annual meeting was held simultaneously with the Annual Convention to save time and money, and the simultaneous meeting will continue annually.

The Burma Educational Trust have

kindly donated a substantial amount for repairs and renovation of the Headquarters.

We have not been able to procure new books from abroad due to import regulations.

One of our members, Bro. Zora Singh, has been honoured by the Burmese Government with the title "Naing Ngant Gon Yi"; we are happy and congratulate him.

May the blessings of the Masters of Wisdom rest upon our Society.

Maung Gyi

General Secretary

AUSTRIA

Theosophical activities in the four Lodges of the Austrian Section continued in the usual way. Public lectures in Graz, Vienna, Linz and Dornbirn were well attended. We have an increase of 12 in membership.

Dr. Norbert Lauppert and myself visited the Lodges in Dornbirn, Linz and Vienna and gave public lectures.

Our Summer School in Pichl was well attended. Some of us attended the German Summer School in St. Martin. I also attended the International Week in Huizen-Naarden.

The Adyar-Verlag in Graz published

this year the German translation of *Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy* of H.P.B., compiled and reviewed by Ianthe Hoskins. It is now used by a study group in our Lodge in Graz.

We are planning to celebrate the 70th jubilee of the Austrian Section, founded in 1912 by the late Sir John Cordes. Since 1948 when we restarted the T.S. after the capitulation of the Nazi regime, we have our Headquarters in Graz, where we also have an active Library and lecture hall.

Julius Fleischanderl

General Secretary

NORWAY

We had a fairly successful Theosophical year during 1980-81 with several guest speakers and increased

sale of Theosophical books.

Membership of the Norwegian Section is still declining, which is due

to a consolidation process. Positive trends are that younger members are joining the Society and Lodge activities are intensified. At the same time, the Section endeavours to attract well-known guest speakers from abroad to improve its communication and image.

Last year we were happy to have as visiting lecturers Miss Ianthe Hoskins from England and Mrs. Barbro Melander and Mr. Karl Rodosi from Sweden. Our own member Mr. Arne Hansen lectured in Norway and Germany.

The main event was the Summer School in July, chiefly organized by

the Ibsen family and their Lodge in Trondheim. More than 70 persons participated, half of them from Sweden. The programme was rich under the theme "Theosophy in Everyday Life", and Miss Joy Mills was the guest of honour. Other speakers included Barbro Melander, Curt Berg, Arne Hansen, Pertti Spets, Kamma Hansen and the General Secretaries from the Norwegian and Swedish Sections.

Our Library and Publication Services continued to be active.

Tom Degenaaers
General Secretary

DENMARK

The Danish Section experienced another year of expansion during 1981. Relatively more members joined the Society, namely 56, and so we hope still more members are willing to give a helping hand in spreading the Ageless Wisdom.

Most of the 15 Lodges have been active during the year and lecturers from the Headquarters have visited many Lodges in the provinces.

Miss Joy Mills was the guest of honour at our Summer School. We also had a week-long Study Seminar in June with the main title "Basic Course in Esoteric Philosophy and Psychology".

Our Journal *Teosofia* has a new front page and is published nine times a year.

Every Tuesday and Saturday we have public lectures. On Tuesdays our best

lecturers talk on "The Hidden Sides of Life—An Occult Study" and "Esoteric Philosophy and Psychology". On Saturdays we have more mixed titles, including some talks by upcountry members. These public lectures are well attended by members and non-members.

We also have study groups discussing *The Secret Doctrine* and Taimni's *Self-Culture*.

Our Public Library and book sales have registered an increase in their activities. The Healing Service in the centre is quite active.

Thus the year has witnessed satisfactory progress and we look forward to continued growth and service to the community.

Hardy Bennis
General Secretary

IRELAND

No Report

MEXICO

No Report

CANADA

A highlight of the year under report was the issuance by the Canadian Postal Department of a special postage stamp in honour of Dr. Emily Stove, one of the first Canadians to join the Society in 1891 and an outstanding fighter for women's rights. She was the first woman doctor to practise in Canada, and she had to do so for many years without a licence just because she was a woman.

Our 1981 gathering of members in Toronto was graced by the presence of the International President, Mrs. Radha Burnier. At the 1980 meeting in Vancouver, our Guest of Honour was Miss Joy Mills, former International Vice-President. Mrs. Dora Kunz, National President of the T.S. in America, visited Vancouver in June. The Section also arranged a tour of Canadian centres by Mr. Charles Marshall, a member of the Society in England and author of a book on the Mahatma Letters.

The General Secretary was guest of the American Section at its Annual Convention and Summer School in July.

Our magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, continues as one of the major activities of the Section. It is the principal contact with the members — many of them living at a great distance from the nearest Theosophical centre.

An important service offered by the Section is the Home Study Course. It is particularly useful to new members-at-large and magazine subscribers living in regions where there are no Lodges close by. A number of students who enrolled in this programme when it was started two years ago have subsequently become members.

Several Canadian members attended the sessions of the Krotona School of Theosophy in California during the year, and it is hoped that more members will be able to attend in the future.

Theosophical study classes are a feature of most Lodge programmes, and their value goes without saying. Recently there has been a greatly increased demand for the cassette tape recordings of lectures, which are

available on loan from the Section.

An important on-going project of the T.S. in Canada is that in which the works of H.P.B. are offered as gifts to Canadian University Libraries. This

year five additional university libraries were presented the entire collection.

Ted G. Davy
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

We had a busy year of varied Theosophical activities during 1980-81. Prominent among them were card-indexing of members both in the Section and Lodge-wise; recording course lectures on cassettes for loan to Lodges and members as well as for sale; translation of articles from English and other foreign language publications; translating and publishing books; reorganizing the sales network of theosophical books; arranging radio programmes; screening of films; conducting seminars, workshops and other educational programmes, including audio-visual materials; and publication of *America Teosofica*, the quarterly magazine of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

Our news bulletin to members was issued eight times during the year and mailed free to all the 620 members, 35 Lodges and 5 groups.

A summer camp was held in Alpa Corral and three seminars on "Introduction to *The Secret Doctrine*" were held in Buenos Aires, Rosario and Alpa Corral. Lecturers visited various Lodges and delivered talks with the help of audio-visual materials.

The Educational Department has worked out or translated study-guides and manuals for use by members as well as Lodges.

We have started our own laboratory to prepare audio-visual materials. The audio-visual staff have prepared several talks to be given with the help of slides—on the Chakras, Thought Forms, the Visible and Invisible Man, the Kingdom of the Gods, and music in the superphysical worlds.

We have established a central book depot in the middle of the country in a land and building gifted to the Section. The property, four miles from Rio Cuarto, has three hectares of land, and has been named "Adyar Centre".

We are also building a residential colony in San Rafael with a common facility to hold meetings, workshops and study camps. The infrastructure is being built up and more than a thousand trees planted.

More and more people are becoming disillusioned with the glittering materialism of modern society and are willing to take a different course. To get ready to receive them and guide them on the path to a higher life is not an easy task. It involves a well-grounded organization with members living the higher life themselves and thus be worthy of imitation. We need to transform the Society and adjust it to face the changes and challenges of the modern world.

One of the ways is for members to

scrutinize their own lives and record of service to the Society—to be sincere and responsible and ensure that they act up to the motto: "There is no religion higher than Truth". To convey this keynote may involve annoying some long-standing members living secure lives in psychological aloofness and who vegetate into such a life.

Our job is to call attention to the Occult Philosophy, spread it and demonstrate the unlimited potential that lies in the divine spark contained in

the recesses of every human being; also make people aware that dependence on others does not lead to the great awakening of the human potential. Only self-reliance and a willingness to modify or amend our course, constant watchfulness and awareness, and disinterested service can expand our consciousness and bring about a self-transformation.

Juan Carlos Palmeri
General Secretary

CHILE

Our work is growing year by year. Theosophical activities are conducted in the two principal cities of Chile—Santiago, four Lodges, and Valparaiso, three Lodges.

We conducted a study course on "Basic Theosophy" during the year, attended by both members and non-members. It was well received.

Another highlight was participation in two major radio programmes on Radio Portales, the most important and powerful station of Chile. The first was a four-part debate on Reincarnation; the other, a series of discussions on various religions, in which our representative explained "The Three Great Truths" based on Mabel Collins, *The Idyl of White Lotus*.

We also publicise our weekly

lectures on the radio to inform non-members.

Our Annual Convention, held in Santiago in January 1981, was a success, when we also elected the Office Bearers.

During the year we started a new Lodge: "Light on the Path", which is a reactivated Lodge. Membership now stands at 55, an increase of 7.

In both Santiago and Valparaiso we have well-stocked libraries patronised by the public as well as members; also bookshops selling Theosophical Works.

It is interesting to report that persons from Ecuador and the Dominican Republic are among those soliciting admission.

Mauricio Froimovich S.
General Secretary

BRAZIL

The T.S. in Brazil had various important events during the year. The quality of our work became much better in terms of profundity and consciousness.

Two major seminars were held on "Religion and Science" and "Alternative Medicines". Both were well attended and well received by the participants, which included members as well as nonmembers. So was our Summer School in January 1981 in Porto Alegre, which was attended by 100 persons from Brazil as well as Argentina. These sessions were of great value for the Theosophical movement.

A study group concentrated on Occult Chemistry.

The official magazine *O Teosofista* is being regularly issued. There was

improved sales of Theosophical books.

New publications (all translated by Mr. Milton Lavrador) included *The Pedigree of Man* by Annie Besant; *Self-Culture* by I. K. Taimni; *The Angels and the New Race* by Geoffrey Hodson; and *Meditations*, a compilation by Katherine Beechy.

Milton Lavrador's translation of *The Ultimate Reality (Shiva Sutras)* by I.K. Taimni is in the press; while he is now translating Taimni's *Man, God and the Universe*.

We have today 38 active Lodges and 6 Study Centres in various parts of the country, engaged in regular Theosophical activities.

Murillo Nunes de Azevedo
General Secretary

ICELAND

Our main work is during the winter months, October-May, with major activities centred at the Headquarters in Reykjavik, the capital, where we have six Lodges. In addition, there are five Lodges upcountry. Our membership registered a decline during the year by 66. We now have 389 members.

The highlight of the year was the seven-day Summer School in Reykjavik in June conducted by Rohit Mehta and his wife. It was well attended. We hope to translate and publish some of the nine lectures on Theosophy, mysticism and meditation in our magazine. It has been quite some time since we have had such good speakers

from abroad, and we convey them our warmest thanks.

Our Section has very little contact with other Sections as it is expensive to send people to the continent from Iceland. We have no paid workers, and all the work is done by a few in their sparetime.

Our main speakers are Sigvaldi Hjalmarsson, who speaks on meditation and esoterism; Skuli Magnusson, who has been teaching Hatha Yoga; Birgir Bjarnason, leading meditations; and Einar Aolsteinsson and Karl Siguros-son, who speak on various topics. We also have outside speakers on special topics.

Last winter public lectures were held

weekly at the Headquarters and inner meetings twice monthly. Lodges hold monthly meetings, and some twice a month.

The annual convention was held in April, but attendance was by only a few members. The Board was re-elected. We now have a vice-secretary, Haraldur Erlendsson.

Our magazine *Gangleri* is published twice a year and has a circulation of

2,200. We also send out a free Newsletter thrice a year to members. Mrs. Radha Burnier's 'Welcome to New Members' was translated for distribution to new members.

We would like to wish the other Sections to work at the Inner Silent work. Perhaps good work is silent so that only a few will notice it.

Birgir Bjarnason
General Secretary

SPAIN

While the Theosophical Society in Spain became legal in 1977, we are still in the process of putting together a real administrative organization to replace that of the underground years. The main hurdles are finance and shortage of able persons for both administrative and doctrinal work. Faced with this harsh choice, the Spanish National Committee decided in October 1980 to concentrate on the teaching field, and we have been making progress in this direction.

Our main Lodge is in Barcelona, which conducts public lectures and study and yoga classes. The programme was based on Taimni's books *Self-Culture* and *Science of Yoga* and the monthly talks attract an overflow audience of members as well as nonmembers. After the talk we distribute a pamphlet/reprint, with bibliographical indications for those interested to study the subject during the month. We have proposed to the rest of the Lodges to carry out similar programmes.

In Madrid there are two Lodges, both

active with study groups, especially young members—who are taking an interest in the Lodge activities. One Lodge reprinted one of Annie Besant's books, *Les Leyes de la vida Superior* during the year.

A highlight of the year was the lecture tour of Mr. Harry Upadhyay who conducted a seminar on Raja Yoga and Theosophy in Barcelona and gave talks at several other Lodges. In April Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Mr. W. Slater inspired members by their talks in Barcelona, Madrid and Sabadell, which were all well attended and appreciated.

At its meeting in March the National Committee decided to start a magazine, which is being worked out.

In June, 45 of our members attended the Fourth Iberian Theosophical Week in Portugal—a summer school to develop Spain-Portugal brotherhood. Dr. Van der Hecht was there as Chairman.

We also would like to incorporate Spain to the Summer School for Latin Countries—and I think it can be

in 1983.

Our membership increased by 39 during the year to reach a total of

494 in 13 Lodges.

Jose M. Vendrell-Brucet
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

We are celebrating the 60th year of the Portuguese Section in 1981. To coincide with this happy anniversary, we have enlarged our Journal and renamed it *Portugal Teosofico*. A commemorative meeting will be held on 17th November.

In June we had a very successful gathering at the Fourth Iberian Theosophical Week, with Dr. Van der Hecht, Vice-President of the European Federation, as president. Fraternity was the keynote of the week, and principal speakers were Dr. J.M. Vendrelli from Spain and Prof. Jose Correia and Dr. Elsa Ferreira da Costa from Portugal. A highlight of the week was attendance by 45 members from Spain.

Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Mr. Wallace

Slater from England were among the distinguished visiting lecturers, who helped our work with their enthusiasm.

The General Secretary attended the Summer School for Latin Countries in Italy.

Routine theosophical work has continued on the familiar pattern—fortnightly public lectures and symposia at the Headquarters, celebration of Theosophical anniversaries, and similar activities in the 12 Lodges around the country. There was a slight increase in membership, which now totals 347.

We look forward to a continued increase in our activities in the coming year and are optimistic about the future growth of our Section.

Cesina Bermudes
General Secretary

WALES

There has been in the Theosophical Society in Wales during the last year a steady nucleus of goodwill and harmony working toward a better understanding of the society we live in. This vitality will keep our Society alive so that we can continue to make our contribution.

The work in both North and South

Wales has continued with reasonable success. Enthusiasm remains at a high level, with regular lectures and study groups which are well attended.

Mr. Charles James retired as General Secretary in March after seven years in that post. We are grateful for the work he has done and still doing as a member of the Cardiff Lodge. He

also continues to broadcast regularly on the 'Thought for the Day' programme of the Cardiff Broadcasting Company.

We are arranging meetings with the unattached members in the Swansea area and hope that this eventually could lead to the forming of a Centre

in Swansea.

Members of the Cardiff Lodge are continuing to keep in touch with various religious and philosophical groups in Cardiff and surroundings.

Elise Probert

General Secretary

URUGUAY

Regular meetings and public lectures were held by all our ten Lodges, with a membership of 182. In addition we held two courses of introduction to Theosophy, a workshop to train Theosophical workers, a course on Mental Concentration, and an interesting series of talks on music and its occult meaning.

We are also programming Inter-American Theosophical Meetings (southern area) for November together with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation and expect attendance from several countries.

Last December we held a summer camp in a nearby seaside resort at which the topic of study was Dr. Taimni's *Principles of Theosophical Work* and a series of lectures by Bro.

Roberto Minervini from Argentina.

The new Directive Council of the Section took office in October 1980, and immediately applied itself to the repairs of the Headquarters building. The library is being reorganized and will soon be open to the public as well.

The annual convention was held in August in an atmosphere of brotherhood, preceded by an inter-Lodges meeting. There is a welcome cooperation of all members in our work.

The radio programme has been maintained once a week. We also participated in two other radio programmes with an interesting exchange of questions and answers.

Manuel C. Ruiz

General Secretary

PUERTO RICO

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

Our Section has been experiencing a slow but steady growth in membership, which now stands at 177 in seven Lodges, compared with 130 two years ago.

Activities in the Lodges have also shown an improvement especially in the educational field.

All the Lodges are working as usual, the most active ones being those in Ljubljana and Zagreb. Both these Lodges have regular meetings twice a week, one for study of Theosophy mostly by members, and a larger one open to the public. In Ljubljana a long course in Theosophy is now running into its third year, while a similar course in Zagreb is entering its second year, titled "The Great Path of Return".

Apart from these regular meetings, we have organized numerous courses for beginners. A basic introductory course on Theosophy was held in Rijeka and twice in Zagreb. Tapes of this series of four lectures were sent to the Lodge in Belgrade for their use.

In the public meetings, we have had lectures on almost all great religions as well as on sages and mystics of various traditions. The purpose is to discover that Ancient Wisdom in which all have their source.

About 100 members and nonmembers attended our Summer School in August in which the main subject was Meditation. We also discussed the science of invocation and the devotional path of surrender. The summer school lasted for two weeks and also featured yoga exercises, a short course in Polar therapy, dancing and singing spiritual songs. A feeling of real brotherhood

and unity of heart is experienced by the participants during these gatherings every summer.

Diana Dunningham from New Zealand was guest at the Summer School. Other guests were Heleen Raven from Holland and Bishop Hammer and Mr. Brook from Austria. We had also invited Dr. B. R. Mullik from India, but he could not come.

Our General Secretary visited England and the United States and met several Theosophical leaders, including Mrs. Radha Burnier and Dora Kunz in Wheaton and Marion Caws in London. He also attended the Festival of Mind, Body and Spirit in London and visited a Sufi community in San Francisco and the Dalai Lama in Wheaton. He also brought back a couple of theosophical films and sets of slides produced by the American Section. These audio-visual presentations will be a very useful tool for our work in Yugoslavia.

Our magazine, *Teozof*, started as a mimeographed small pamphlet seven years ago, is now a 40-page magazine. It is however published only once or twice a year because of the high cost of printing. To supplement it we have started a newsletter, *The Nucleus*, to bring regular news of activities to the members.

For the coming year we are planning a course for theosophical leaders, lecturers, lodge presidents and coordinators. Also a variety of public lectures. We are, however, facing a shortage of able workers to carry out our ambitious plans.

Emilio Trampuz
General Secretary

SRI LANKA

The Sri Lanka Section had a satisfactory year of Theosophical work. The year's programme stressed T.S. members deepening their individual inward quest, while simultaneously organizing more and more group activities. Theosophy can be a living force in influencing our perspectives and promoting New Age tendencies.

The year also witnessed the formation of a new Lodge in the Northern Province, Sri Ram Lodge. It was founded in January 1981 by Bro. M. Canekaratnam, former Hon. Treasurer of the Section, after his retirement and return to hometown. It has a membership of 21 and meets every Tuesday to study Theosophical teachings. We now have nine active Lodges in Sri Lanka.

Three of our members are engaged in research on the fundamental basis of the Ancient Wisdom in the three main schools of Buddhism—Zen, Mahayana and Theravada—to document the universality of the deep teachings of Buddhism. We hope finances will permit the achievement of this project.

The Headquarters building is in need of urgent renovation. We also wish to add a new wing to house a library, reading room and caretaker's quarters. When this dream is realized we could organize at our own premises short week-end courses and special courses for new members and field workers.

Meanwhile the Besant Lodge continues to organize week-end seminars, talks and meditation camps in collaboration with four other Lodges which sometimes find it difficult to

hold separate meetings. These combined activities are becoming more and more popular among members and nonmembers.

Two three-day seminars were on Bhakti Yoga and on 'Meditation—Gateway to the Subjective World'. Both were well attended, and featured scholarly speakers. The lending library of Besant Lodge rendered useful service to both members and the public.

Among the visiting lecturers during the year were Dr. Robert B. Stone from Honolulu, who spoke on 'Modern Science and Theosophy' and 'Mind Control Methods'; Dr. K.P. Rajappan of I.I.T., Madras, on 'Science and Spirituality'; Peter Randal, author of 'Introduction to the Chakras', who explained the vital force centres in the human body; Peter Caddy from Scotland who spoke on 'Brotherhood and Group Consciousness'; and Sister Khema, a Buddhist Nun from Australia, who spoke on 'Absolute and Relative Reality' and explained the various stages of meditation. All the talks were instructive and inspiring and were very much appreciated by the audience of both members and nonmembers.

We regret the passing on to higher life of two long-standing members: Bro. Thomas Amarasuriya and Bro. R.S.S. Gunawardana, for many years Chairman of Olcott Lodge.

Several members are engaged in voluntary service in the Temple Sunday School and other local social welfare activities.

T. R. Rustomjee
General Secretary

GREECE

The varied activities of the Theosophical Society in Greece continues regularly and harmoniously in all the seven Lodges.

Most Lodge meetings are open to nonmembers as well. This helps to attract new members. There was a net increase of 11 members during the year, taking the total to 306. Efforts are also being made to establish new

Lodges in other towns all over Greece.

Our bi-monthly magazine *Ilyssos* has been published for the last 26 years and continues to be popular, with a current circulation of 3,600.

This year we published a book on Meditation containing several of Krishnamurti's lectures.

C. Melissaropoulos
General Secretary

CENTRAL AMERICA

The republics of Central America and Panama are passing through a period of turmoil caused primarily by the rivalry of the Super Powers to gain predominance in the area. Both Guatemala and Salvador are in a state of civil war, while Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama are facing acute political tension and economic enfeeblement. This unfortunate situation has its impact on Theosophical work in the area, but we are making determined efforts to keep our various Lodges active.

There are three Lodges in Guatemala which meet regularly in an atmosphere of harmony and brotherhood. Their meetings are devoted to the study of basic Theosophical works. We suffered the loss of three of our long-standing dedicated members during the year, who passed on to higher life.

The two Lodges in El Salvador are

handicapped by the violence of the civil war, but still they celebrate the anniversaries of important Theosophical days and hold public lectures with good audience, both members and the public.

We have two Lodges in Nicaragua, both holding regular meetings and discussing Theosophical teachings. These meetings are patronised by nonmembers as well.

Costa Rica has four active Lodges, with well-prepared programmes.

Panama has only one Lodge, which is somewhat dormant.

In all, we have nearly 250 members in the region, some of whom have yet to pay their annual subscriptions. The delay is obviously due to the economic hardships cited earlier.

Julio Martinez Santos
General Secretary

This has been a year of consolidation and revitalization. We are steadfastly recovering from the great fire of 1978 and would liken the present state of the Section to one reincarnated in a young body but alive with the memory and experiences of its past faults and deficiencies. With such a memory, we hope to side-step possible pitfalls while striding taller with fresh hope and confidence. The task of hosting the Indo-Pacific Conference here in Manila in January 1983, which also marks the Golden Jubilee of the Section's founding, is a stimulus and challenge, and is helping to draw members to work more closely together.

Highlight of the year's activity was the annual convention in May under the theme "The Mystery Tradition for a World in Turmoil". Bro. S. Narayanan of Malaysia was our guest speaker and he drew everyone to him by his humility and innate charm. Among the important recommendations evolved out of the three workshops conducted was: "Emphasize intensive study and character development at the lodge level." We have tried to implement most of the recommendations.

Activities at the Headquarters include regular Saturday meetings and Sunday afternoon sessions for members and nonmembers, both well attended. A new feature is the meditation sessions held every Wednesday.

Wider distribution of Theosophical books was another highlight of the year, with participation in four Book Expos and Fairs, and an effort to sell them in bookstores and schools through an established network.

Three study groups have been formed through the efforts of Dr. Manuel Fernando.

The T.O.S. has two departments—Social Service under Dr. M. Fernando doing para-medical service and training "bare-foot doctors"; and the Healing Department which meets every Saturday evening at 8 p.m. under the chairmanship of Dra. Esther Doval Santos.

Manila Lodge has been holding study classes on *Call to the Heights* by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson. Lectures are aided by audio-visuals and diagrams.

I visited several lodges during the year and delivered talks. A prominent characteristic of many active Lodges is the presence of young and dynamic members rendering a lot of voluntary work.

The monthly letters from the National President is distributed free to all members and carries an editorial and monthly theme. Several Lodges have also started issuing their own Newsletters.

The quarterly General Council Meetings are very productive of encouraging team work and getting fresh ideas from each other. A Lodge Officers' Seminar was held in October.

The Philippine Theosophist is published regularly and distributed to all members and Sections abroad.

Deep gratitude is owed to the many dedicated workers and officers who have contributed to rebuilding the Section during the long agonizing period of recovery.

Cleo Z. Gregorio
General Secretary

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

We in East Africa had a busy year of Theosophical activities during 1980-81 and are geared up for more work in the coming year for hosting the World Congress in Nairobi.

Mr. C.P. Robertson-Dunn has been appointed Coordinator of the World Congress and various sub-committees have already been formed. We sincerely hope members from other Sections will attend in large numbers and give a moral boost to the spread of the Ancient Wisdom in this continent.

Regular study classes are being held in many lodges in Kenya, Zambia and Tanzania. A successful Youth Seminar was held by the Nairobi Lodge. A Workers Training Class is being conducted in Daressalaam since past eight months.

All the principal Theosophical days are regularly celebrated by most Lodges.

In a new experiment, a monthly letter on Theosophical subjects in Gujarati is being sent by the Chairman since January 1980 to all Lodges with a request that it be discussed by the members in their meetings.

There is a great demand for T.S. literature, but we are handicapped by strict import regulations in Kenya and Tanzania due to shortage of foreign exchange.

We had a useful Annual Convention in April at Nakuru, Kenya, with Dr. B.R. Mullik as Guest Speaker. A Regional Conference was held in January at Arusha, Tanzania, in which

delegates from seven lodges participated and discussed matters of mutual interest.

An additional two-storey building was added to the Nairobi Lodge with generous donations by Contractor Kanjibhai K. Patel and Bro. R.H. Patel.

Our National Lecturer, Mr. Reuben Thuku, travelled widely to all the Lodges in Kenya and Zambia, giving talks in schools and colleges as well as to indigenous people. Among prominent new members resulting from his contacts are the Mayor and the Provincial Commissioner of Mombasa.

The Kilimanjaro Lodge started an outpatient dispensary in Moshi, Tanzania, under the T.O.S.; Dr. Navin Vibhaker is in charge. T.O.S. is very active in many Lodges in all three countries.

Other activities include Yoga classes in Nairobi Lodge; Group Meditation in several Lodges; monthly Healing Group Ceremony in Daressalaam; free medical aid, including Ayurvedic and Homeopathic treatment by doctor members.

Several senior members, including myself, travelled and spoke at various lodges throughout the Section.

Due to rising costs our half-yearly Journal, *The Theosophical Light*, will be published only annually in the future.

Membership totalled 1,320 at the end of the reporting year.

H. D. Shah
General Secretary

PAKISTAN

Theosophical work in Pakistan has continued uninterruptedly during the last two years along the same lines as before.

Much of the work is centered in Karachi where the Lodge has 136 members and conducts a regular programme of lectures and study classes. It also has a large, well-patronised Library and publishes an eight-page monthly bulletin, mailed to members and 300 nonmembers.

Study classes discuss *Key to Theosophy*, *The Secret Doctrine* and Occultism. A two-day seminar was held in November 1980 on "Religion in a Scientific Age". Theosophical anniversaries are regularly observed.

For want of adequate leadership and speakers, work in Hyderabad, Lahore and Quetta is languishing. Meetings continue at the Lahore Lodge, however,

and efforts are being made to revive the Hyderabad Lodge. In Quetta, members meet occasionally in a social atmosphere. The old building of the Quetta Lodge was sold for a handsome price and the proceeds invested for use in Theosophical and T.O.S. work.

The T.O.S. in Karachi is strong and active, including running a large Montessori school for 300 children. It gives out over a thousand scholarships to deserving students in cooperation with the Save the Children Fund, as well as relief to families in need. Its Department of Animal Welfare holds Elocution Contests for school children (63 participated last year), and publishes a bulletin *The Animal's Friend*, which is sent to 300 persons.

Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla
General Secretary

MALAYSIA

No Report

NORTHERN IRELAND

The year under review passed rather quietly, with Theosophical work in the region continuing in the normal pattern.

Our public activities in Belfast took the usual form of lectures and discussions with most meetings being well attended. Our presentation of the Wisdom provided enough to suit all tastes and stages of development. Speakers included Mr. Leslie Francey (on 'The Infinite Way', 'Paradoxes' and

'Paths to Freedom'); Mrs. T. Wyllie (on 'How to be Happy though Civilized' and 'Beyond the Limits of Science'); Dr. Hugh Shearman (on 'Transforming our Circumstances', 'The Quest for Happiness', 'First Steps to Freedom', 'Where Theosophy and Science Meet' and 'Between two Worlds'); and myself (on 'A Foundation of Wisdom', 'The End of the World', 'The Path of Suffering' and 'The Path of Self-

Surrender').

Our programme was adequately supported by a number of tapes. We also had a number of stimulating discussions.

Our 33rd Annual Convention was held in May when the existing officers were re-elected and the finances were revealed satisfactory for the work on hand.

Because of the present situation, all of us have to work hard for the safeguard and reconstruction of our country—with emphasis on production in all fields for the restoration, the raising up of the nation.

So our Society operates under a reduced scope, with many members studying Theosophy at home, and some meeting at the Headquarters every Sunday morning for a study class on Theosophical teachings and question periods. We are pleased to know that some of our compatriots like to read Theosophical books that aid them to lead better lives.

We have celebrated all major Theosophical anniversaries, well attended

An average of seven members attended our Wednesday study meetings. The group covered *Light on the Path*, *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, *Hints on Esoteric Theosophy* and *Self Culture* by Taimni.

Our membership stood at 43 last September.

Tony Rodriguez
Regional Secretary

VIETNAM

by members and nonmembers. In these meetings we always have had a feeling of harmony and real fraternity that unify us with T.S. members all over the world.

For the last two years we are operating an acupuncture service and people from the neighbourhood and even distant places have benefited. We also supply local medicines to the needy. This service is very much appreciated.

Two active members are also conducting an English course to enable members to read English theosophical books, and a short accountancy course for the benefit of young members.

Luu Thi Dau
General Secretary

VENEZUELA

We had a varied and interesting programme of lectures and study classes during 1980-81.

The annual meeting was held in March including election of the

Board of Directors.

Members evinced greater enthusiasm in understanding the Theosophical teachings, and attendance improved at lectures and study classes. Two

members concentrated on studying *The Ancient Wisdom*.

Study classes were held on "The Chakras", "Conscience of the Bodies" and "The Elemental Kingdoms". Lectures covered a range of Theosophical subjects—The Path of Discipleship, meditation, the inner self, and

The Light of Asia.

Theosophical anniversaries were regularly observed, including interesting talks on the founders and other great leaders.

Dr. Roger Vivas-Dacanio
General Secretary

WEST AFRICA

No Report

BOLIVIA

There has been a sharp decline in our membership during the last year due to many causes, among them the changing economic and political situation in the country. We now have 44 members as against 91 last year.

The remaining members continue Lodge activities with dedication. Also many of them are engaged in social and philanthropic work.

All the three Lodges earlier dissolved in other cities have been resuscitated by new members. There is, however,

a lack of persons who could support them and orient them.

A new strong group of about 20 studious and active members has been formed in La Paz with the possibility to form a new Lodge. There is also another young group with the same possibility.

We look forward to better times for the Society in the future.

Mario Cariaga Aramayo
Presidential Agent

CANADIAN FEDERATION

No Report

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The European Federation is an "organization of service", a coordinating body for the European Sections. Its council consists of all European General Secretaries and an elected Executive Committee. Among other activities, it coordinates Summer School dates and publishes a quarterly Newsletter.

We started the year with two ideas: One to make every member and all newcomers acquainted with the Principles of the Ancient Wisdom. This is done with the help of Ianthe Hoskins's concentrated presentation of the esoteric tradition. The other was to reconsider our habit of holding 'morning meditation' during our meetings of different kinds and try to make those gatherings still better. Mr. Curt Berg has prepared a paper on the subject which has been circulated to members and we are awaiting comments. It will then be finalized and distributed to the General Secretaries.

We are also exploring the possibilities of establishing a School of Theosophy in Europe.

Executive Committee members

toured extensively to various Sections and lectured at Summer Schools and Lodges. We were happy to have Joy Mills as our Guest of Honour at some of our Summer Schools during the year.

Several European Sections are publishing excellent magazines in different languages containing scholarly and interesting articles. This forms a very important part of our work, and the journals are our 'shop-window' to the public. Several non-English books have also been published during the year. These journals and books are major tools to propagate Theosophy in the present-day world. But the first, best and unsurpassed way to spread Theosophy is by the way we ourselves live. Probably we do not ourselves know when we influence people we come across.

I should like to commemorate here the passing this year of two excellent workers of the Society: Berthe Nyssens, Belgium, and Georges Tripet, Switzerland. We can best thank them for what they did by ourselves giving of our best.

Barbro Melander
Chairman

INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION

No Report

PERU

Luz del Maestro Lodge

We meet on the first and third Sundays of the month for lectures and study/discussions on Theosophical and allied subjects. We also have occasional programmes on devotional

music and meditation. Our programmes attract nonmembers as well.

We now have 16 active members.

Bernardino Jines Warinka
President

H.P.B. "A" LODGE & H.P.B. "B" LODGE

No Report

ISRAEL

Covenant Lodge, Tel Aviv

Members of Moria Lodge, Haifa, preferred to dissolve the Lodge and have joined our Lodge. Similarly, the Russian Lodge "Blavatsky" has joined our Lodge, too.

In addition to our usual activities and lectures, two books by Ernest Wood were translated into Hebrew by Mrs. Benatov, and the translation of *Key to Theosophy* is under print. We are also in touch with the Theosophical Lodge in Cairo.

Visitors included some Philippine Healers.

Berthe Al. Dominic
President

Harmony Lodge, Tel Aviv

Meetings of Harmony Lodge continued more or less regularly twice monthly. We are facing a language problem, however. Whereas our older members know only German, the younger generation is educated in Hebrew and knows practically no German. The Lodge President, however, delivers talks in Hebrew not only in the Lodge but to other groups. His talks and consultations on Astrology are quite popular and the fees are passed on as usual to the Lodge Treasurer as well as some humanitarian organizations.

Hans Zeuger
President

SINGAPORE

Theosophical work in Singapore during 1980-81 followed much the same pattern of earlier years, including participation in the International Book Festival at the World Trade Centre, with even greater success than the previous year.

Participation in the Book Fair exposed hundreds of the book-loving public to Theosophical literature, and was followed up by a well-attended course on 'Introduction to Theosophy' by our President Bro. Len Rodrigo, resulting in several new members.

Membership now stands at 97, including 50 Associate, 17 of them new admissions.

The expansion of our Library grows slowly but steadily, with more borrowings.

Weekly meetings featured several distinguished speakers, among them Dr. K. K. Tan, who gave four talks on meditation; Mr. David Loy, an American visitor, who spoke on Zen;

and Mr. Sunny Tan who threw much light on 'Colour Therapy'. Tape talks and discussions were the subjects at other meetings.

Bro. M. Dutta as House Member has been active to take good care of the Lodge premises.

The Lodge's finances continue to be good.

Tan Siow Hee
Vice-President

JAPAN

Nippon Lodge, Tokyo

During the year under review, our meetings were devoted to the study of *Dynamics of the Psychic World*, a collection of passages from H.P.B., on Saturdays; Sunday meetings were devoted to the explanation of various Theosophical teachings and Agni Yoga.

Books published were translation of *When Daylight Comes* by Howard Murphet and reprints of several earlier Japanese editions: *The Astral Plane*, *Clairvoyance* and *The Invisible Helpers*—all by Leadbeater.

In our monthly magazine, I am serialising *Idyll of the White Lotus* by Mabel Collins. Other translations on the anvil are *Science of*

Meditation by Mr. Rohit Mehta, and *Key to Theosophy*.

We had the pleasure of welcoming several members from abroad, including Mr. Narayanan from Malaysia, Miss Lyttle from Australia, Mr. & Mrs. Ross, and Mr. & Mrs. Hamaker from America.

Also, our good co-worker, Mr. Jeffery Clark, an American, visited Adyar and brought back many slides of Nicholas Roerich's paintings. These were screened for members and non-members, who were moved by the spiritual emanation from those slides.

Emiko Tanaka
President

EGYPT

No Report

CAMEROON

Fako Lodge, Douala

No Report

BANGLADESH

Comilla Lodge

Established in 1889, our 35-member Lodge is the only unit of the Theosophical Society in Bangladesh for spreading the Ancient Wisdom.

We suffered a total loss of our Library during the liberation struggle in 1971 and are still in the process of replenishing the same. We are grateful for the valuable gift of some

Theosophical books from Adyar and Wheaton, and would welcome more, even used books.

Weekly talks, discussions and readings from Theosophical classics constitute the major part of the Lodge's programme.

Rash Mohan Chakravorty
President

HONG KONG

No Report

WORLD THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH FEDERATION

Reorganization of the World Theosophical Youth Federation continued during 1981. Since 1978 the WTYF has been working under the leadership of its members from Brazil.

The "philosophy" of its work has somewhat changed since then, as can be noticed by its new name and constitution. The main change is that we are not trying to keep youth separate from age. It is working under

the form of "youth groups" (not youth lodges) where all are encouraged to participate *also* in the regular work of the Society's Lodges.

The WTYF wants just to be an extra line of work suitable to attract the interest of the young members, and not to provoke separation among the Society's membership. We strongly think that the working together of youth and age is very desirable and useful to the Society's work.

The Brazilian Youth Federation is working with eight youth groups. It would be worth noticing that the T.S. Section in Brazil has one of the greatest percentage of young people in the T.S. as a whole.

The WTYF has active members also in Canada, England, Spain, Holland, New Zealand and Peru. The interest in the WTYF is surely increasing, considering the number of letters we have answered this year from several countries.

We have started an international newsletter, *The Universal Man*, which has received moral support from the General Council of the T.S.

The Brazilian Youth Federation held three camps very successfully, under the leadership of Lucia Cristina Batalha from Rio de Janeiro.

The office-bearers were elected during the year for a new term of three years.

Arnaldo Sisson Filho
Chairman

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

Officers for 1982

Executive Committee :

1. The President
2. The Vice-President
3. The Secretary
4. The Treasurer

Ex-officio

5. Mr. C.R.N. Swamy
6. Mr. John Clarke
7. Mr. N. Muthuswamy
8. Mr. Ch. Sankar Rao
9. Mr. K. Visvanathan
10. Mrs. Norma Sastry

Adyar Library : Director : Dr. K. K. Raja
Librarian : Dr. Pran Nath

Archives : Miss R. Padmini

Bhojanasala : Mrs. Tara Parameswaran

General Manager : Mr. Ch. Sankar Rao

Garden Department : Mr. S.M. Amarnath Rao

International Centre of Theosophical Studies : Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan

Leadbeater Chambers : Miss R. Padmini

Maintenance Department : Mr. N. Janakiram

Medical and Sanitary Department : Dr. S. V. Joseph

Movable Properties Department : Mr. M. K. Natarajan

Press and Public Relations Officer : Mr. F.M.G. Sayeed

Security Department : Subedar G. Sambasivan

The Theosophical Publishing House : Manager : Mr. K. Ramanathan
Editor : Mr. C.R.N. Swamy

The Theosophist : Assistant Editor : Mr. John Clarke

The Vasanta Press : Mr. N. C. Ramanujachary

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Despite several hurdles, the T.P.H. had a fairly successful record during the year. Thirty-five titles, mostly reprints, were released. There were no new publications of importance.

Wide publicity was obtained for our publications by participation in several Book Fairs—New Delhi in March 1980; Calcutta and Jaipur in January 1981; and Cochin in April 1981.

Mr. N. C. Ramanujachary, Sales Promotion Officer, was able to secure over a hundred new subscriptions for *The Theosophist* from public libraries in Andhra Pradesh.

Due to extensive reorganization of the Vasanta Press, there was considerable delay in posting *The Theosophist* as well as in the release of a number of books. Additional dislocation was caused by the partial strike of employees. However, thanks to the strenuous efforts of the loyal

employees and honorary workers, work has gone on steadily. Regular despatch of parcels by post was maintained, and some of the backlog of overseas orders cleared. As a result, book sales totalled a little below the all-time record of the previous year.

The Bookshop and Information Office are now functioning at the new building near the Main Gate for easy access to visitors. Mr. C. Seshadri is Manager of the Bookshop and Information Officer.

We regret to record the passing in February 1981 of Mr. K. N. Ramanathan who rendered valuable service to T.P.H. for many years as its Manager and Editor of Publications. Mr. K. Ramanathan succeeded him as Manager, while Mr. C.R.N. Swamy is now the Editor of Publications.

K. Ramanathan
Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

Many scholars from universities and research institutions in India and other countries made use of the Library's rich collection during the year.

A highlight of the year was the recognition accorded by the University of Madras to our Library as a post-graduate centre for the Ph.D. programme in Sanskrit and Indology, which enhances the prestige of our Library for research scholars. Both Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, Director, and Dr. A.G. Krishna Warriar will guide scholars in their post-graduate studies.

The Library has 573 registered readers, 45 resident borrowers and 127 outside borrowers. During the year 18,890 books and journals were consulted in the Reading Room; 21,466 books by the Pandits in the Research Section; 1,372 MSS were consulted; and 5,368 books and 9 MSS were loaned out.

Palm leaf MSS and other research items are regularly supplied to various research scholars and institutions.

Fumigation and ammonia gas treatment of books and MSS returned by borrowers is carried out systematically.

During the year 1,555 books were added to the collection, including gift of several hundred books by various members.

Palm-leaf MSS, numbering 151, were donated by Mr. Sankaran Namboodiri of Kerala through Prof. A.N. Aklujkar

of Canada; also received were 134 palm-leaf MSS from the late Dr. V. Raghavan's collection, and 10 palm-leaf MSS from Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma. We express our deep gratitude to the donors of books and the MSS.

The Library also received cash donations during the year from several persons, and Rs. 20,000 from the Theosophical Society. The Theosophical Society has also sanctioned \$1,000 for purchase of books published outside India. The Government of India made a grant of Rs. 25,000 for purchase of books.

Pandit K. T. Venkatarama Sarma had to go on long leave for health reasons. Pandit K. Ramachandra Sarma has been reappointed.

A revised edition of the *Laghu-Yoga-Vasishtha* (ALG 3) and *Asvalayana-grhyasutra-bhashyam* of Devasvamin (ALS 111) published in full for the first time including the Parisista were released. Several publications are in print, including *The Adyar Library Bulletin (Brahmavidya)*.

The Library has 114 exchanges and 143 subscribers to the Bulletin.

The Library had the pleasure of welcoming 4,707 visitors, including many distinguished scholars and other important persons from India as well as abroad.

Dr. Pran Nath
Librarian

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE THEOSOPHICAL ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION

The Theosophical Islamic Association was formed in 1923 by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa to study the relation between the teachings of Islam and other religions as well as of Theosophy. Its headquarters is in Adyar, Madras, and membership totals nearly 200. Our membership is open to all. We have active branches in Ajmer, Calicut and Varanasi.

Various lectures on Islam, Sufism and allied topics as well as other functions were held at the Headquarters Hall and by the branches during the year. President Hakim visited the Calicut branch during his travels as a National Lecturer. He gave a talk on 'Islam and Mysticism' over the Calicut station of All India Radio and also spoke on Sufism, Mysticism and Islam in several Lodges. The Secretary, Mr. F. M.G. Sayeed, visited the Ajmer Branch.

We co-sponsored with the Adyar Lodge a series of talks on Meditation, a symposium on comparative study of religions, and a nine-week seminar on the Theosophy of Mysticism.

The highlight of the Ajmer Branch's activities was the hospitality extended to a 97-member delegation of the Sufi Order of America on its visit to the Shrine of Khwaja Muinuddin Chishti at Ajmer, under the leadership of Pir Vilayat Khan.

We are keen to start additional branches in India and abroad and welcome enquiries in this regard from interested Lodges and Sections. We also have plans to get Theosophical classics translated into Urdu and Arabic.

We regret to record the passing on to higher life of two of our prominent members: Mr. Georges Tripet, ex-General Secretary of the Swiss Section, and Dr. B.R. Mullick, National Lecturer.

In conclusion, we record our grateful thanks to the International President Mrs. Radha Burnier, who is our Patron, and to other members of the Headquarters staff for their unstinted cooperation during the year.

F. M. G. Sayeed
Secretary

THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Theosophy/Science Department of the Society maintains contacts with scientist members around the world numbering nearly 300, and a register of such members with their qualifications, interests and research record. Correspondence is also carried on with various Research Centres / National Sections.

The Department seeks to promote Theosophical philosophy in the light of scientific developments and to counter the materialistic trend of the modern age.

The Department's detailed annual report is printed and distributed to General Secretaries and scientist members. The report covers activities in India as well as in Research Centres in Australia, Brazil, England and the United States.

Theosophy-Science is published from England and contains interesting articles from the Theosophical Research Centre.

The Theosophy Science Study Group, India, was founded in 1962, and publishes its *Bulletin* six times a year. Articles are published on Theosophy in relation to science and technology and vice versa. The topics dealt with

comprise of Science, Technology, Human Values, Development, Philosophy, Spiritual Orientation and Yoga. The holistic concern and involvement of man in his search for Truth is emphasized as the unifying essence in the interface of modern life with science and technology.

Annual subscription by airmail overseas \$5 or £2.5; \$8 or £4.0 for two years. In India it is Rs. 12; life Rs. 150. Cheques are to be drawn in favour of the Theosophy Science Study Group and sent to Dr. A. Kannan, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras-600 020, India.

At the International Centre of Theosophical Studies, Adyar, a series of lectures was delivered by Dr. Robert Stone on 'Psychotronics: Energy of Consciousness' and 'Brain, Right and Left: How to use more of your mind'. Dr. Henry Skolomowski gave another series on 'Ecophilosophy as the new Cosmological Unity'. Dr. K.R. Rajappan and Dr. Achyuthan spoke on the *Gita* as a science of human development. Dr. A. Kannan gave a series on Holistic Human Development.

A. Kannan

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF THEOSOPHICAL STUDIES

The Centre of Studies at Adyar offers a wide range of Theosophical studies to promote a deeper understanding of Truth. It encourages each participant to become a genuine student and not merely a listener, so that through individual study and reflection in the rich atmosphere of Adyar, creative insight, loving understanding and deeper comprehension may develop.

The October-December 1980 term had a varied programme: Religious insight for a new generation, by Mr. Achyut Patwardhan; The Concept of God and Maya, by Dr. A.G. Krishna Warriar; Journey through Death as symbolized in the myths and legends of the East and West, by Seetha Neelakantan; Theosophical teachings as given by the Masters of the Wisdom and H.P. Blavatsky, by G. Farthing; The Essence of Theosophy, by Joy Mills. The programme also included a two-week course in November on the Impact of Science, Religion and Philosophy on Man by Professors K.P. Rajappan, P. Achuthan and T.S. Sankara of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, and Dr. A. Kannan of the Theosophy - Science Department.

Additional programmes in the afternoons included the study of *The Secret Doctrine* under the leadership of Seetha Neelakantan. Presentations of research papers on theosophical and allied topics by the students, and tape discussions also formed part of the

afternoon programmes. The average attendance ranged from 15-20 with a larger average during December.

The new term for 1981 opened in January with Dora Kunz, National President of the Theosophical Society in America, giving a full morning programme on Self-Healing. Following this, Justice A.R. Bakshi, a deep student of Kashmir Saivism, gave a course on Meditation presenting both the theoretical and practical aspects.

During the last week of January, the Centre was able to present Dr. H. Skolimowski, Professor of Philosophy at Michigan University, well known for his work in the field of Ecology. Mrs. Sarada Hoffman's presentation of Indian Dance as an expression of spirituality attracted the interest of western youth. In the last two weeks of February, Peter Hoffman gave a series of talks on Meditation and Kundalini Energy.

Dr. Robert E. Stone of East-West University and President of the Honolulu branch of the T.S., gave during this term six talks on Psychotronics as an energy of Consciousness, while Mr. Shankaranarayan's expositions on the Tantras, every Monday afternoon, cleared the many misinterpretations of this subject.

As in the last few years, the International Centre had arranged programmes during July-August as an experimental measure. An intensive study of some basic themes of the theosophical philosophy based on

The Secret Doctrine was led by the Director of Studies. There were eight regular students, three from Federations in India and one from West Africa. The Director also gave two afternoon courses a week each on: The approach to Reality based on the writings of N. Sri Ram and correlated with current scientific investigations; and the Mysteries of Karma and Dharma.

Swami Gabhirananda of the Ramakrishna Math led a study of the *Kaivalya Upanishad*; Dr. Rajappan and Dr. Achuthan—both of the I.I.T., Madras—gave a week's course each on the *Gita* as a science of human development, the former stressing the psychological aspects while the latter rooted the study in Quantum Physics. C.R.N. Swamy held classes on the book *Gods in Exile* as an approach to the Path of Initiation and Dr. S. Shankar Raju Naidu gave an exposition of the

Kural bringing into focus the ethical aspects of man's life. Discussions and questions made all the classes very lively and useful. The number of students attending the sessions ranged from 15-20.

I am more and more convinced that earnest students and seekers of the Wisdom always respond positively to the theosophical approach. The basic principles of Theosophy offers help in understanding the various problems in life as well as on the path. The Centre of Studies can play a vital part in this. There is a genuine need to attract real students and workers. As an important step towards this end, it may be useful to build up a fund so that a limited number of scholarships may be made available to earnest students and workers.

Seetha Neelakantan
Director

ARCHIVES

Lamination of valuable records, including Col. Olcott's Old Diary Leaves and Dr. Besant's Political Papers continued during 1980-81.

Classification, cataloguing and fumigation of valuable documents has been proceeding steadily, on the same line as in the previous year.

Bro. Paul Zwollo was appointed

Officer-in-Charge in March succeeding Bro. C. R. N. Swamy. Unfortunately he had to return to Holland in May because of the illness of his old father. Smt. R. Padmini took over charge from him.

R. Padmini
Officer-in-Charge

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded
The Founders

The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Asso-

Income and property applied to promotion of objects

ciation, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

Members of General Council not answerable

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy,

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..

„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..

„ PYARE LAL ..

„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT

{ „ W. A. ENGLISH

{ „ SUBRAMANIAM

{ „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE

{ „ UPENDRANATH BASU

{ „ ANNIE BESANT

{ „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the

Removal of
General
Council
members and
officers

General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other members of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give

not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such members shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the

Meetings
of the
General
Council

Resolutions

Quorum

Who Shall
Preside

members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of the Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinunder detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council

who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

(d) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place of the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together

with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellow-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be

declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

Appendix A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates.

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining the Theosophical Society (e) work done for the Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

Appendix B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election.

Note: Where the term "General Secretary" is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term "Section" is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting paper shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the ap-

pointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of "For" or "Against" votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small envelope labelled "Voting Result.... Section", seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by air-mail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by air-mail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked "Duplicate".

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President,

the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. (a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The

Appointment
of other
officials

Removal of
appointees
from office

Appointment
of Executive
Committee

President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by cooption.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

1. The power to amend or repeal the Rules;
2. The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;
3. Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the

meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the

President
Custodian of
archives;
Executive
Officer;
power to
make tempo-
rary and
provisional
appointments

Receipt of
moneys

Deposits,
Signatories

Power of
attorney

Meetings of
Executive
Committee

Quorum of
Executive
Committee

Chairman of
Executive
Committee

Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscription, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed,

Transfer of
investments
and other
property

Affixing of
Seal,
Signatures

Transfer of
movable
property

Investments

Disposal of
Adyar Estate

Suer

Secretary
to affix Seal

and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(c) Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge

(Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to the Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the

General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after

that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favor thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society

exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in

number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

Rules of
Lodges and
National
Societies

Authority of
Charters and
Diplomas

Minimum
number of
members for
National
Society

38. Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a **General Secretary** General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The **Annual Report** General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. The **Fees and Subscriptions** President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society: for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any

changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31(a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury **National Societies: fees to Adyar** fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, **Presidential Agencies: dues** the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(c) (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the

DIRECTORY **AT** **1 JANUARY 1982**

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President : Mrs. RADHA BURNIER
Vice-President : Mr. SURENDRA NARAYAN
Secretary : Mr. R. GOPALRATNAM
Treasurer : Miss TJIOE SIANG NIO

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1947	Africa, East and Central	Mr H. D. Shah	P.O. Box 671, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
1909	Africa Southern	Mrs A.M.G. Bischoff	P.O. Box 863, Johannesburg, South Africa
1956	Africa, West*	Mr Isaac K. Zaney	P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	Mr Julio Cesar Martinez Santos	Apartado Postal 1124, Managua, Nicaragua
1920	Argentina	Mr Juan Carlos Palmeri	Santiago 320, 2000 Rosario (Santa Fe)
1895	Australia	Mr J. Patterson	4th, Fir., 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060
1912	Austria	Mr Julius Fleischanderl	c/o Theosophische Gesellschaft, Kaiserfeldgasse 19, A-8010 Graz
1911	Belgium	Mr Ch. Lallemand	Avenue J. Bordet, 72 Bte 5, B-1140 Bruxelles
1965	Bolivia†	Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	Casilla 2083 La Paz
1920	Brazil	Dr Murillo Nunes de Azevedo	Rua Imperatriz Leopoldina 8, 17º andar, Rio de Janeiro 20000
1912	Burma	U Maung Gyi	No. 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1919	Canada	Mr Ted Davy	2307, Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 2M3
1924	Canada*	Mrs H. B. Jackson	P. O. Box 1202, Station 'Q', Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2P4 Canada
1920	Chile	Mr Mauricio Froimovich	Casilla 3603, Santiago
1937	Colombia	Mr Gabriel Burgos	Carrera 6A, No. 56-40, Bagota
1905	Cuba	Dr Lelia Fernandez Pagola	P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1918	Denmark	Mr Hardy Bennis	Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1888	England	Miss Marion Caws	50 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HJ
1907	Finland	Miss Sirkka Kivilinna	Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1899	France	Mrs Francoise Caracostea	4 Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Germany, West	Mrs Gerda Hofer	Holbeinstrasse 16, D-2800 Bremen 1
1928	Greece	Mr C. Melissaropoulos	Dragatsaniou Street 6, Athens 122
1921	Iceland	Mr Birgir Bjarnason	Ingolfsstraeti 22 Reykjavik

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1891	India	.... Mr A Suryanarayan Moorti	.... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221010
1912	Indonesia	.... Mr R.S. Soejatno	.... Jalan Tawakkal, IX/3, Grogol, Jakarta
1949	Ireland N.*	.... Mr Antonio Rodriguez	.... Gateway House, 242, Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AR
1919	Ireland, Rep. of	.... Miss Dorothy Emerson	.... Alexandra Guild House, 30 Leinster Road West, Dublin 6
1950	Israel	....	.... P.O. Box 1822, Tel Aviv (pro tem)
1902	Italy	.... Mr Edoardo Bratina	.... Via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252) 34131 Trieste
1948	Malaysia†	.... Mr S. Narayanan	.... 12 Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1919	Mexico	.... Mr Alfonso Morales	.... Ignacio Mariscal 126, Mexico 1, D.F.
1897	Netherlands, The	.... Mr Arend Heybroek	.... 7, Kruisstraat, Utrecht 2502
1896	New Zealand	.... Mrs Mavis Hardy	.... 18 Belvedere Street, Espom, Auckland 3
1913	Norway	.... Mr T. Degenaars	.... 42 Klokkejordet, 1364 Hvalstad
1948	Pakistan†	.... Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	.... 'Q', House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 0402
1933	Philippines, The	.... Mrs Cleo Z. Gregorio	.... 600 La Salle, Greenhills, Mandaluyong, Metromanilla
1921	Portugal	.... Dr Cesina Bermudes	.... Campo Martires da Patria 69, r/c-Dto. Lisbon 1
1925	Puerto Rico	.... Prof. Miguel A. Chranee	.... G.P.O. Box 1766, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936
1910	Scotland	.... Dr James Gault Mitchell	.... 15 Bingham Crescent, Milltimber, Aberdeen AB1 0HP
1921	Spain	.... Dr Jose Maria Vendrell Brucet	.... Calle Napoles 352, 4°, 2a, Barcelona 25
1926	Sri Lanka	.... Mr T. R. Rustomjee	.... 127/1, Cotta Road, Colombo 8
1895	Sweden	.... Mr Gunnar Larson	.... Jorgensgatan 6, S-41670 Gothenburg
1910	Switzerland	.... Dr Mariz Nguyen Huan Chi	.... 46b, route de Gy, 1252 Meinier
1886	United States of America	.... Mrs Dora Kunz	.... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187
1925	Uruguay	.... Mr Manuel Ruiz	.... J. Barrios Amorin St., 1085, Montevideo
1953	Venezuela†	.... Dr Roger Vivas-Dacanio	.... Apartado 2907, Caracas
1952	Viet-Nam	.... Miss Luu-Thi-Dau	.... 466 Vo-di-Nguy Bd., Phu-Nhuan, Ho Chi Minh City
1922	Wales	.... Mrs E.T. Probert	.... 21 Altreda Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF4 2EH
1925	Yugoslavia	.... Mr Emilio Trampuz	.... Proleterskih Brigada 226F, 41000 Zagreb

*Regional Association

†Presidential Agency.

The Council of the European Federation of National Societies: *Chairman*: Mrs. B. Melander,
15 Beleshogswagen S-21618 Malmo,
Sweden.

Inter-American Theosophical Federation: *President*: Mr. Juan Vinas, Florencio Bolcarce 71, Buenos Aires,
Argentina.

Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation: *President*: Mrs. Elaine Murdoch, 121 Walker Street, North Sydney
N.S.W. 2060, Australia.

World Theosophical Youth Federation: *Chairman*: Mr. Arnaldo Sisson Filho, Caixa Postal 10360, Porto
Alegre, 90000, Brazil.

Additional Members of the General Council

- Mr. GEOFFREY HODSON, 17, Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland 3, New Zealand
(for 1980, 1981 and 1982)
- Mrs. GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road; Bath Island,
Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1980, 1981 and 1982)
- Mr. JAMES S. PERKINS, 29, Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023,
U.S.A. (for 1981, 1982 and 1983)
- Dr. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY United Kingdom
(for 1981, 1982 and 1983)
- Mr. V. WALLACE SLATER, 55 Southfields, Hendon, London, NW4 4LX England
(for 1981, 1982 and 1983)
- Mr. SEYMOUR BALLARD, 73, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, OX-14-3, AE,
England (for 1980, 1981 and 1982)
- Mrs. EMILY SELLON, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U. S. A. (for 1981, 1982 and
1983)
- Miss JOY MILLS, Krotona 22, Ojai California 93023, U. S. A. (for 1980, 1981
and 1982)
- Miss IANTHE H. HOSKINS, 37, Victoria Hill Road, Hextable, near Swanley,
Kent-BR-8-7LL, England (for 1981, 1982 and 1983)
- Mr. C. R. N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India
(for 1981, 1982 and 1983)
- Mr. CURT BERG, Sparrisbacken 63, S-162-37 Vallingby, Sweden (for 1982,
1983 and 1984)
- Mr. N. MUTHUSWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020,
India (for 1982, 1983 and 1984)

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Varanasi on 25 December 1981
at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT

Mrs. Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the Chair) and proxy for England, Germany, Greece, France and Mr. J. S. Perkins.</i>
Mr. Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Sweden Uruguay, Miss Joy Mills, Mr. V. W. Slater and Mr. Seymour Ballard</i>
Mr. R. Gopalaratnam	<i>Secretary and proxy for Australia, Italy, East and Central Africa and Argentina</i>
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Brazil and Burma</i>
Mrs. Mavis Hardy	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in New Zealand</i>
Mr. A. Suryanarayan Moorti	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in India</i>
<i>Present by Invitation as Observer</i>	
Mr. Paul Zwollo	<i>The Netherlands</i>

The President welcomed the members. Proxies were read out.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes*

The minutes of the meetings of the General Council held on 25 and 31 December 1980 and 1 January 1981 were confirmed and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes*

(i) *Kotagiri Properties (Item 2, d)*

The President reported that efforts are continuing to sell the properties at Kotagiri at suitable prices and also to buy back the old "Gulistan".

(ii) *Preamble to the Objects of the Society (Item 2, f)*

No Section has so far submitted a preamble for approval by the International Society.

(iii) *To consider Rule 36, Para 2 (Item 4)*

Consideration was postponed to the next meeting.

3. *Election of Two Additional Members for the years 1982, 1983 and 1984*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President nominated for election Mr. Curt Berg and Mr. N. Muthuswamy as Additional Members of the General Council. The names were circulated for voting, with the following results:

<i>Name</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
Mr. Curt Berg	36	1	—	37
Mr. N. Muthuswamy	36	1	—	37

The above-named two were declared duly elected Additional Members for 1982, 1983 and 1984.

4. To receive the report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1981

Postponed to the next meeting.

5. Report of the Executive Committee

The Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 31 October 1981 was received and taken note of.

6. To appoint the Executive Committee for 1982

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1982:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

... *Ex-Officio*

Mr. C. R. N. Swamy

...

General Council Member

Mr. N. Muthuswamy

...

General Council Member

Mr. John Clarke

Mrs. Norma Y. Sastry

Mr. K. Visvanathan

Mr. Ch. Sankar Rao

7. To appoint the International Finance Committee for 1982

It was decided to appoint the same committee for a further period of two years from 1 January 1982.

8. To Consider the Treasurer's Report and to pass the accounts for the year ending 31 March 1981

The Treasurer's report and the accounts for the year ending 31 March 1981 were considered and adopted.

(a) Accounting Year

In view of the fact that the State Government regulations require that the accounts of all societies should be presented to the General Body within three months of the closing of the accounts, it was decided to change the accounting period from 1 April to 31 March to the period 1 October to 30 September.

(b) Depreciation of Immovable Property

The suggestion of the Treasurer in her report that depreciation on immovable properties be charged to the Income and Expenditure Account as this is an appropriate charge on the revenue, was considered. After discussion, the proposal was agreed to.

9. *To adopt the revised budget for the year ending 31 March 1982 and the Budget for the year ending 31 March 1983*

The revised budget for the year ending March 1982 and the budget for the year ending March 1983 were adopted. It was noted with satisfaction that in spite of the strike by a section of the employees and its impact on income and expenditure, the overall position of the budget was all right.

10. *Appointment of Auditors*

It was resolved to re-appoint Messrs. Naganathan & Co. as Auditors for the year ending 31 March 1983 on the same terms as before.

The meeting was adjourned to 3 p.m. on 1 December 1981.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held on Varanasi on 31 December 1981 at 3 p.m.

PRESENT

All those present at the meeting of 25 December 1981 with the addition of:
Mr. N. Muthuswamy (by invitation as Observer)

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes (contd.)*

(vi) *To reconsider Rule 36, Para 2 and Rule 44 (Item 4)*

It was decided to circulate to members of the Council for voting the following draft amendment to Rule 36 and consequential amendment to Rule 44 (alterations in Italics) :

Rule 36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or Regional Association, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

(c) *The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association. Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.*

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw the Charter.

Rule 44. After para 5 ending "for the interest of the Society" and before the para beginning "In cases under (a) above", the following further proviso shall be added:

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule(b) of Rule 36, and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch) and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

(vii) *The Society's Work (item 12)*

The President said that after the Centenary Convention at Adyar later in the year, she would like to convene meetings of invited workers to discuss the Society's work in depth. This was agreed to. A working paper is to be prepared and circulated well in advance.

(viii) *Science Magazine (Item 13, d)*

The President informed the Council that Mr. Wallace Slater and others had written to say that the journal *Theosophy Science* should continue to be an official international journal and therefore the decision of the previous year about the journal (Item 13, d, i) should be rescinded. The proposal was accepted and the previous decision with regard to the journal was rescinded.

4. *To receive the report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1981*

The report was approved. The President mentioned that she had suggested deletion of a few paragraphs from Miss Anna K. Winner's *Basic Ideas of the Occult Wisdom* referring to Agni Yoga, etc. from translations.

Miss Joy Mills had proposed to the President that someone else be named Vice-Chairman of the Committee in view of the correspondence and work involved. It was decided that Mr. Surendra Narayan, Vice-President, be the Vice-Chairman and that Miss Joy Mills should continue as a member. The Committee was reconstituted with the following as members for 1982:

President	... Chairman
Vice-President	... Vice-Chairman
Miss Joy Mills	... Member
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	... Publications Manager, T.P.H., Adyar
Mr. Clarence Pederson	... Publications Manager, T.P.H., Wheaton
Mrs. Helen Gething	... Chairman, T.P.H., London
Mrs. Barbro Melander	... Chairman, European Federation
Mr. Juan Vinas	... President, Inter-American Federation

11. *Any other Business*

(a) *Cancellation of Diplomas*

The President had received requests for cancellation of the diplomas of certain members. The reasons were varied. In one case, it was said that the member concerned had been taken off the rolls by the Lodge to which he belonged because the Lodge had difficulty with him. The Section's rules permitted its Lodges to have such authority although this is not consonant with international rules. The General Secretary of the Section had approved the action of the Lodge and had asked the President to legalize the action taken, by cancelling the diploma of this member and also that of another member who was in judicial custody for breaking customs regulations, after it was brought to his notice that only the President could cancel diplomas. A request had also come from a Lodge in another Section in respect of a member who was occupying a part of the Lodge premises without permission, causing harassment to visitors and members and fighting a law suit against the Lodge.

Although the Rules of the International Society allow complete discretion to the President in the matter of issuing and cancelling diplomas, she sought the advice of the Council in order to arrive at some broad guidelines for action.

The matter was discussed at length and the following criteria were suggested:

- (i) Conduct and activities over a period of time which are not compatible with the character and objectives of the Theosophical Society.
- (ii) Deliberate attempts at undermining the work and reputation of the Society.
- (iii) Continuing acts of grave moral turpitude.
- (iv) Flagrant violation of the principle of brotherhood.

It was decided to elicit views and suggestion from other Council members.

(b) *Section Dues*

Mrs. Mavis Hardy suggested that the percentage of dues to the International Headquarters be increased as she felt that 15% was inadequate. The consensus was that Sections can send more than the minimum, if they so wish.

(c) *International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research at Adyar*

After discussion, it was decided that the name be changed to "The International Centre of Theosophical Studies", omitting the words "and Research".

(d) *Message from Mr. Geoffrey Hodson*

Mrs. Mavis Hardy conveyed to the General Council a message from Mr. Geoffrey Hodson. She was asked to express personally to him the appreciation of the Council.

(e) *Time of Recall*

The following suggestion received from the informal General Council meeting held at High Leigh, England, in August 1981 was considered:

"The President be asked at the General Council meetings at Varanasi to launch a world-wide project for a daily moment of recall to send continuous positive thoughts round the world to help counteract the waves of violence and evil which seem to be spreading from country to country."

It was agreed that the time of recall should be 7.30 a.m. throughout the world. An appeal to this effect should go out from the President.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1981

National Sections (Active)	41
Presidential Agencies (Active)	4
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35(c)	3
Total Lodges	1,111
Total Membership 1980	34,391
Total Membership 1981	34,421
Increase	30

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America	82	5,285
2. Argentina	35	620
3. Australia	12	1,188
4. Austria	4	246
5. Belgium	9	207
6. Bolivia	5	44
7. Brazil	38	896
8. Burma	4	125
9. Canada	12	288
10. Canadian Federation	8	86
11. Central America	12	172
12. Chile	6	55
13. Colombia	9	124
14. Cuba	19	487
15. Denmark	14	367
16. East & Central Africa	26	1,320
17. England	64	2,168
18. Finland	21	507
19. France	35	1,357
20. Germany	9	279
21. Greece	7	306
22. Iceland	11	389
23. Ireland, Rep. of	1	43 (1980)
24. India	421	10,063
25. Indonesia	21	795
26. Italy	28	911
27. Malaysia*	2	26 (1979)
28. Mexico	25	359 (1980)
29. Netherlands	24	891
30. New Zealand	16	1,528

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
31. North Ireland	3	44
32. Norway	7	94
33. Pakistan	2	152
34. Philippines	20	251 (1980)
35. Portugal	12	347
36. Puerto Rico	3	102 (1979)
37. Scotland	4	115
38. South Africa	9	300
39. Spain	13	494
40. Sri Lanka	9	122
41. Sweden	8	289
42. Switzerland	8	207 (1980)
43. Uruguay	10	182
44. Venezuela	3	49
45. Vietnam		(no report)
46. Wales	2	77
47. West Africa		(no report)
48. Yugoslavia	7	177
49. Lodges attached directly to Adyar		
Bangladesh	1	31
Cameroon	1	18 (1980)
Hong Kong	1	14 (1979)
Israel	2	48
Japan	1	25
Peru	4	52
Singapore	1	47
50. Fellows-at-Large		52
Total	1,111	34,421

Study Centres :

United States of America	...	91
Argentina	...	5
Brazil	...	6
Burma	...	2
England	...	22
India	...	23
Italy	..	3
		152

[illegible]

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 1981

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Departmental Results:				
Adyar Library ...	— 66,435.03		— 95,784.30	
Bhojanasala ...	+ 11,466.99		— 4,163.69	
Consumer Stores ...	+ 1,260.94		— 7,843.66	
Garden Department ...	— 44,079.00		— 48,480.85	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	+ 18,128.63		+ 16,009.52	
Maintenance Department ...	— 167,915.32		— 171,235.85	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 71,306.13		+ 105,244.72	
Vasanta Press ...	— 67,045.42		— 92,473.12	
		243,312.08		298,727.23
Depreciation:				
On Film Projector, Air conditioner and Tape Recorder ...	2,719.00		2,211.00	
On Motor Vehicles ...	10,013.00		6,607.80	
On Movable Property ...	11,950.32		12,519.42	
		24,682.32		21,338.22
Establishment and other Expenses:				
Adyar Newsletter ...	1,250.80		—	
Bad debts ...	45.00		4,470.75	
Child Welfare Centre ...	5,810.81		4,228.79	
Convention 1980 ...	—		13,954.86	
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	3,032.25		2,972.25	
Dispensary ...	17,640.33		17,828.91	
Estate Management ...	12,623.95		15,854.63	
Fire Insurance ...	1,419.43		1,282.68	
Headquarters Department ...	20,007.19		20,152.21	
Information and Public Relations Department ...	14,950.32		7,058.43	
Insurance Fund Administration ...	606.40		594.45	
International Theosophical Youth Centre ...	2,672.15		—	
International Offices—General ...	79,550.89		69,402.19	
International Centre of Theosophical Studies & Research ...	6,920.06		8,475.92	
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	4,592.81		9,838.10	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	6,163.00		7,500.00	
Miscellaneous ...	17,041.04		14,996.99	
Movable Properties Dept. ...	36,990.58		38,411.32	
Museum and Archives ...	8,948.43		9,455.16	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	21,252.37		17,207.88	
Printing and Stationery ...	21,341.83		23,389.26	
P.F. Administration ...	2,243.75		2,199.50	
Publications to General Secretaries ...	3,880.51		2,888.95	
Retirement Allowances ...	22,905.94		24,127.19	
Sanitary Department ...	22,441.54		22,376.24	
Security Department ...	114,675.77		117,254.59	
Taxes ...	31,495.84		25,680.58	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,363.34		2,693.80	
		482,866.33		484,295.63
Provisions:				
For Gratuity ...		60,000.00		7,663.00
For Building Maintenance ...		—		30,000.00
		810,860.73		842,024.08

ADYAR,
8-6-1981

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer

SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1981

	INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
		Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Newsletter	—	1,503.49
Donations	48,031.68	13,445.43
Fees and Dues	186,909.29	180,639.33
Interest (Net)	358,647.13	400,336.23
Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries)	...	124,855.24	122,679.05
Overhead Charges	19,644.72	19,285.97
Convention 1979	12,263.40	—
Licence Fee	21,000.00	36,000.00
Sale of Motor Car (Surplus)	...	—	19,080.80
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	39,509.27	49,053.76
		810,860.73	842,024.08

Examined and found correct.
FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.
N. ANANTHANARAYANAN F.C.A., (Partner)

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
General Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	5,636,821.25		5,920,662.66	
Add: Receipts during the year:				
Bequests ...	8,100.00		—	
Donations ...	47,656.68		67,702.47	
Surplus on disposal of Buildings and Lands ...	—		49,595.00	
T. S. Building Fund (for use of Olcott Schools) Transfer ...	377,986.16		—	
Gulistan Improvement Fund Transfer ...	—		4,604.63	
Retired Bullocks Maintenance Fund Transfer ...	—		2,200.00	
Vasanta Press New Machinery Fund Transfer ...	—		434,596.30	
Other Transfers ...	6,207.91		4,125.85	
	6,076,772.00		6,483,486.91	
Less: Depreciation for the year on Immovable Properties ...	112,802.82		114,291.62	
	5,963,969.18		6,369,195.29	
Less: Transfers ...	3,797.25		—	
	5,960,171.93		6,369,195.29	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	39,509.27		49,053.76	
		5,920,662.66		6,320,141.53
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)	2,293,180.88		2,391,388.49	
John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund (b)	400,434.58		455,588.35	
		2,693,615.46		2,846,976.84
Exchange Equalisation Fund: ...		158,613.58		158,613.58
President's Travelling Fund: ...		36,005.80		46,596.40
Vice-President's Travelling Fund: ...		14,011.80		22,593.35
Other Funds:				
(See Notes below)				
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...		132,700.10		188,153.93
Miscellaneous Funds (c) ...		128,308.65		146,431.60
Miscellaneous Funds (d) ...		304,486.61		407,760.47
C/o		9,388,404.66		1,013,267.70

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 31st MARCH 1981

ASSETS		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Immovable Properties: (At Cost)		187,508.69		187,508.69	
Less: Disposals	...	—	187,508.69	2,525.00	184,983.69
Lands at Urur (At Cost)			3,882.40		3,882.40
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	3,203,849.30		3,232,429.90	
Additions	...	28,580.60		29,992.00	
		3,232,429.90		3,262,421.90	
Less: Disposals	...	—		2,000.00	
		3,232,429.90		3,260,421.90	
Less: Depreciation to date	...	1,085,609.63	2,146,820.27	1,176,994.08	2,083,427.82
Gulistan-Kotagiri (At Cost):					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	49,980.57		49,980.57	
Less: Depreciation to date	...	15,834.53	34,146.04	17,084.03	32,896.54
Rose Windows-Kotagiri (At Cost):	...	30,000.00		30,000.00	
Less: Depreciation to date	...	4,500.00	25,500.00	5,250.00	24,750.00
High Cliff—Kotagiri (At Cost)	...	56,237.47		56,237.47	
Less: Depreciation to date	...	2,811.84	53,425.63	4,217.76	52,019.71
Adyar Library Building (At Cost)	...	780,069.92		780,069.92	
Less: Depreciation to date	...	205,608.83	574,461.09	225,110.58	554,959.34
Movable Property at Adyar:					
Furniture & Fixtures: (At Cost)					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	233,594.53		237,870.28	
Additions	...	4,420.75		16,269.27	
		238,015.28		254,139.55	
Less: Disposals	...	145.00		525.00	
		237,870.28		253,614.55	
Less: Depreciation to date	...	170,151.73	67,718.55	182,671.15	70,943.40
Motor Cars (At Cost)					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	165,404.86		165,404.86	
Less: Disposals	...	—		7,019.20	
		165,404.86		158,385.66	
Less: Depreciation to date	...	125,347.86	40,057.00	131,955.66	26,430.00
			3,133,519.67		3,034,292.90

C/o

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

THE LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		9,388,404.66		10,137,267.70
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:				
Immovable Property at Juhu ...	30,500.00		29,500.00	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	19,089.87		20,699.87	
Government Grants ...	—		66,752.50	
Gratuity Reserve ...	16,179.00		17,922.00	
		65,768.87		134,874.37
T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:				
Capital Fund ...	51,420.30		35,247.07	
Reserves and Surplus ...	404,032.17		421,050.44	
Creditors ...	395,232.78		344,549.06	
T.P.H. Investments Fund ...	83,000.00		93,000.00	
		933,685.25		893,846.57
Vasanta Press:				
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ...	4,928.42		4,928.42	
Retirement Allowance Reserve ...	2,073.26		566.01	
New Machinery Fund ...	434,596.30		434,596.30	
	441,597.98		440,090.73	
Less: Transfer of New Machinery Fund to General Fund ...	—		434,596.30	
		441,597.98		5,494.43
Gratuity Reserve ...		213,576.69		215,897.18
Casuarina Development: Reserve ...		55,262.26		55,262.26
Sundry Creditors:				
For Departments ...	67,990.37		58,992.75	
For Others ...	129,222.80		79,935.78	
		197,213.17		138,928.53
Sundry Deposits ...		121,164.52		106,186.65
Outstanding Liability ...		23,976.73		6,180.00
 <i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes. (b) Interest only available for general purposes. (c) Interest only available for specific purposes. (d) Capital available for specific purposes</i>				
		11,440,650.13		11,693,937.69

ADYAR,
9-6-1981

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(Miss) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 31st MARCH 1981 (Contd.)

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		3,133,519.67		3,034,292.90
Investments (At Cost)				
Government of India Loans ...	6,300.00		6,300.00	
Fixed Deposits ...	3,694,400.00		3,965,400.00	
Foreign Investments ...	345,073.25		345,073.25	
Miscellaneous Securities ...	345,324.69		345,324.69	
		4,391,097.94		4,662,097.94
Interest Accrued on Investments ...		70,928.72		90,825.29
Departmental Assets:				
(As valued and certified by the Management)				
Water Line Meter Installations ...	100.00		100.00	
Electrical Installations ...	41,728.66		41,919.36	
Telephone Installations ...	15,228.77		13,705.87	
Tools, Equipments, etc. ...	95,633.10		84,481.27	
Amounts Recoverable ...	21,622.96		21,542.96	
Standing Crops and Developments ...	34,093.85		45,555.44	
Stock on hand ...	130,586.05		125,511.21	
		338,993.39		332,816.11
Adyar Library Assets ...		570,579.68		566,046.56
T.P.H. Assets:				
Assets ...	1,319,651.54		1,436,259.04	
Investments ...	83,300.00		93,300.00	
Cash and Bank Balances ...	144,550.80		73,349.34	
		1,547,502.34		1,602,908.38
Vasanta Press Assets: ...		1,007,744.89		896,352.54
Sundry Assets ...		10,263.51		5,630.51
Loans and Advances ...		162,920.73		130,302.02
Outstanding Income: ...		4,276.36		4,276.36
Security Deposit ...		1,990.00		1,990.00
Gratuity Advance: ...		4,000.00		9,950.00
Sundry Debtors				
(Considered good by Management)		34,966.20		20,337.70
Prepaid Expenses ...		3,896.00		6,002.07
Cash:				
In Madras Banks on Current and Savings accounts ...		139,779.41		260,149.34
In London Bank on Current Account ...		11,535.07		12,214.53
On hand ...		6,656.22		57,745.44
		11,440,650.13		11,693,937.69

Examined and found correct.

FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

N. ANANTHANARAYANAN, F.C.A., (Partner)

I. ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND INVESTMENTS

No.	Particulars	Amount Rs.
1.	10% Bank of India, Madras, Deposit	50,000.00
2.	10% Bank of Baroda, Madras, Deposit	100,000.00
3.	10% Punjab National Bank, Madras, Deposit	150,000.00
4.	10% Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposit	100,000.00
5.	10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	1,516,000.00
6.	9% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	320,000.00
7.	9½% Tamilnadu State Co-operative Bank Limited, Madras 600020, Deposit	15,000.00
8.	10½% - do -	80,000.00
9.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Debenture Stock £ 3000/-	52,500.00
Total ..		2,383,500.00

II. JOHN COATS ADYAR CENTENARY FUND INVESTMENTS

1.	10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	415,000.00
2.	10% Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	40,000.00
Total ...		455,000 00

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1981

		1979-80	1980-81
		Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in	U.S.A.	40,964.65	38,318.89
"	England	8,199.14	7,162.50
"	India	12,575.83	12,823.66
"	Australia	19,824.82	19,485.29
"	Sweden	—	3,551.14
"	New Zealand	6,989.83	—
"	Netherlands	19,071.13	5,682.04
"	France	9,862.21	12,637.61
"	Italy	6,493.14	6,270.00
"	Germany	4,825.35	5,047.33
"	Cuba	—	—
"	Hungary	—	—
"	Finland	8,740.23	4,710.00
"	Russia	—	—
"	Czechoslovakia	—	—
"	Southern Africa	3,054.39	—
"	Scotland	520.33	—
"	Switzerland	9,173.64	—
"	Belgium	3,613.73	5,698.43
"	Indonesia	460.00	150.00
"	Burma	—	—
"	Austria	2,779.82	3,182.35
"	Norway	314.47	316.46
"	Egypt	—	—
"	Denmark	3,489.35	1,348.10
"	Ireland	221.00	—
"	Mexico	1,169.45	1,115.91
"	Canada	1,554.70	1,398.60
"	Argentina	—	30,657.74
"	Chile	1,035.00	1,190.00
"	Brazil	2,606.52	—
"	Bulgaria	—	—
"	Iceland	3,271.75	1,928.55
"	Spain	1,590.00	1,830.00
"	Portugal	633.66	603.85
"	Wales	549.13	401.58
"	Poland	—	—
"	Uruguay	1,070.00	—
"	Puerto Rico	1,583.00	6,118.75
C/o		<u>176,236.27</u>	<u>171,628.78</u>

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR
ENDED 31st MARCH 1981

	1979-80	1980-81
	B/f	B/f
	Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Rumania	176,236.27	171,628.78
Yugoslavia	—	1,285.20
Sri Lanka	—	—
Greece	88.00	—
Central America	897.00	1,540.00
Paraguay	—	—
Peru	—	—
Philippines	—	—
Colombia	1,331.75	—
East & Central Africa	2,354.59	—
Pakistan	—	—
Malaysia	—	—
Northern Ireland	26.38	37.45
Israel	—	—
Japan	—	—
Vietnam	—	—
Venezuela	966.30	635.00
West Africa	—	—
Bolivia	1,447.95	770.00
Canadian Federation	349.59	378.00
Lodges attached to Adyar	920.59	2,809.80
Fellows-at-Large	2,290.97	1,555.12
Total	186,909.39	180,639.35

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

REVISED BUDGET FOR 1981-82 AND BUDGET FOR 1982-83

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 80-81	Revised Budget for 81-82	Budget for 82-83	INCOME	Actuals for 80-81	Revised Budget for 81-82	Budget for 82-83
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Special Departments:				Special Departments:			
Adyar Library ...	141,687	123,800	127,000	Adyar Library ...	45,903	34,200	35,000
Bhojanasala ...	103,925	82,727	89,292	Bhojanasala ...	99,761	57,000	62,500
Consumer Stores ...	155,565	169,660	—	Consumer Stores ...	147,721	169,660	—
Garden Department ...	128,554	105,000	133,450	Garden Department ...	80,703	57,800	82,600
Leadbeater Chambers ...	125,617	—	—	Leadbeater Chambers ...	141,627	—	—
Maintenance Dept. ...	324,785	295,300	335,600	Maintenance Department... ..	153,549	118,300	129,500
Theosophical Pub- lishing House ...	237,793	245,240	268,990	Theosophical Publishing House ...	343,038	347,500	358,000
The Theosophist ...	144,540	150,700	152,500	The Theosophist ...	128,367	128,000	131,000
Vasanta Press ...	1,037,064	771,500	835,000	Vasanta Press ...	944,591	704,000	805,000
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	9,706	12,000	12,000	International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	1,230	4,000	4,000
Adyar Newsletter ...	9,040	10,250	10,600	Adyar Newsletter ...	10,543	12,000	13,000
Bad Debts ...	4,471	500	500	Donations ...	13,445	20,000	15,000
Child Welfare Centre ...	4,229	5,000	5,000	Fees and Dues ...	180,639	160,000	160,000
Convention ...	13,955	—	30,000	Interest (Gross) ...	406,155	410,000	450,000
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	2,972	3,000	3,200	*Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries) ...	122,679	146,037	188,607
Dispensary ...	17,829	17,000	17,000	Overhead Charges ...	19,286	20,000	20,000
Estate Management ...	15,855	16,000	16,200	Licence Fee ...	36,000	36,000	36,000
Fire Insurance ...	1,283	2,500	2,500	Sale of Motor Car (Surplus) Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	19,081	—	—
Headquarters Department ...	20,152	21,000	21,500	Add: Deficit on 'The Theosophist' taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet ...	49,054	69,880	25,275
Information and Public Relations Department ...	7,058	8,000	8,000		16,173	22,700	21,500
Insurance Fund Administration ...	594	600	650				
International Offices— General ...	69,402	70,400	71,400	*Quarters Maintance in- cluds net collections from Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers besides the General Recoveries. For 1981-82 For 1982-83 Rs. Rs. Bhojanasala 20,280 33,880 Leadbeater Chambers 1,757 21,727 General 124,000 133,000 146,037 188,607			
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	5,819	6,000	6,000				
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	9,838	7,000	7,000				
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	7,500	8,000	8,000				
Miscellaneous ...	14,997	15,000	15,000				
Movable Properties Dept. ...	38,411	30,000	37,000				
Museum and Archives ...	9,455	10,000	10,000				
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	17,208	14,000	16,000				
Printing and Stationery ...	23,389	18,000	20,000				
Provident Fund Administration ...	2,199	2,400	2,600				
Publications to General Secretaries ...	2,889	3,000	3,000				
Retirement Allowances ...	24,127	26,000	27,000				
Sanitary Department ...	22,376	17,500	23,000				
Security Department ...	117,255	175,000	119,000				
Taxes ...	25,681	26,000	26,000				
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,694	3,000	3,000				
Provisions: For Gratuity ...	7,663	8,000	8,000				
For Building ...	30,000	20,000	50,000				
Depreciation on Assets (Excluding Immovable Properties) ...	21,338	18,000	16,000				
	2,958,915	2,517,077	2,536,982		2,958,915	2,517,077	2,536,982

